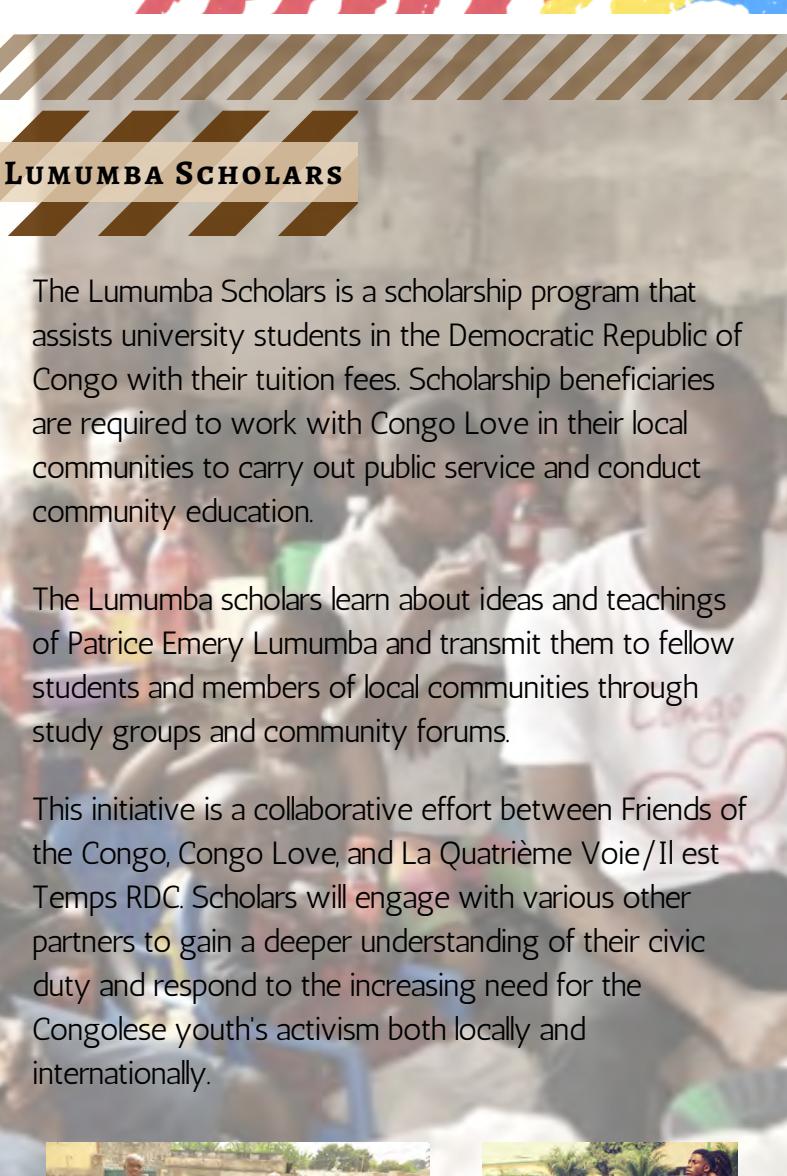




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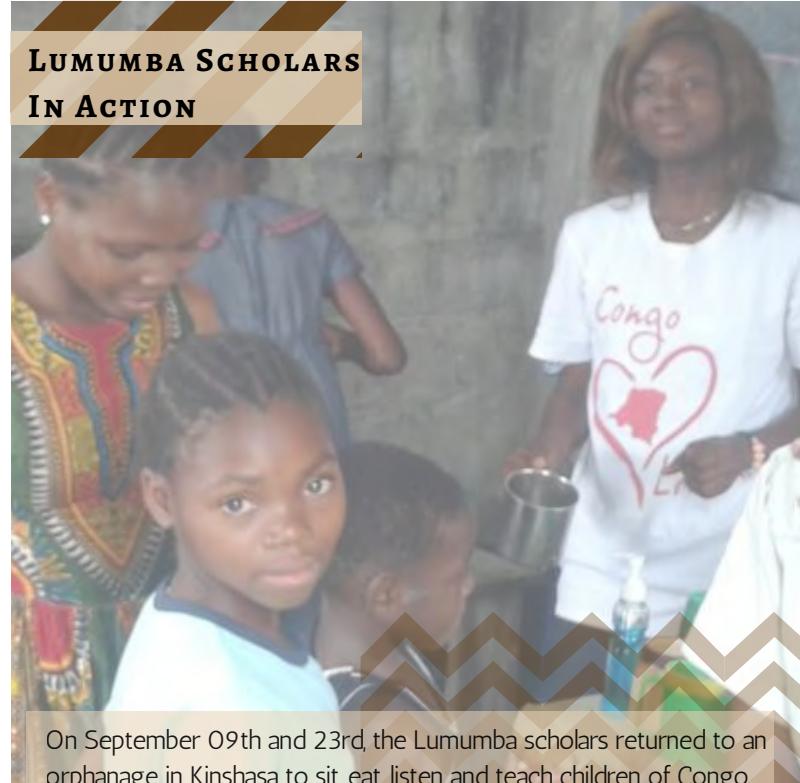
## LUMUMBA SCHOLARS

The Lumumba Scholars is a scholarship program that assists university students in the Democratic Republic of Congo with their tuition fees. Scholarship beneficiaries are required to work with Congo Love in their local communities to carry out public service and conduct community education.

The Lumumba scholars learn about ideas and teachings of Patrice Emery Lumumba and transmit them to fellow students and members of local communities through study groups and community forums.

This initiative is a collaborative effort between Friends of the Congo, Congo Love, and La Quatrième Voie/Il est Temps RDC. Scholars will engage with various other partners to gain a deeper understanding of their civic duty and respond to the increasing need for the Congolese youth's activism both locally and internationally.

## LUMUMBA SCHOLARS IN ACTION



On September 09th and 23rd the Lumumba scholars returned to an orphanage in Kinshasa to sit, eat, listen and teach children of Congo the bright future that lies ahead. The team shared the beauty of Congo and reminded these children that they would not be forgotten, that despite the difficulties they are loved.

Students at The University of Kinshasa dedicated this month to explore how youth action can change The Congo. Through film screenings and group discussions, they studied Lumumba's legacy and learned more about The Congo's history through film and passionate conversations.



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**Jean-Marie Kalonji & Legrand Sylva Mbikayi** *Are Back to Work*

Legrand Sylva traveled to Tanzania between August and September to participate in courses and workshops with The African Rising initiative. Jean-Marie traveled to South Africa to participate in the Nkrumah School summer term and to share his vision for The Congo with activists from across the African continent. They have both returned home and are continuing to engage the local community with their social projects.

**CARICATURE PICK**

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**ARTIST PICK**

**Using Capoeira to heal trauma for former child soldiers**  
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**CULTURAL CORNER**

Madeleine Gavin's [City of Joy](#) provides a sensitive insight into the plight of Congolese women today, without reducing their stories to the usual easy-to-sell emotional porn. [Read more...](#)  
[Watch Trailer](#)

**No Place To Call Home** by JJ Bola is a stunning debut novel with a colourful cast of characters and luminous prose. A tale of belonging, identity and immigration. [Read more...](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Congo Love Club**  
**University Film Screenings**  
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**Congo In Harlem**

Launched in 2009, Congo in Harlem is an annual series of Congorelated films and events at the Maysles Cinema in New York's in Harlem. Congo in Harlem 9 presents an exciting collection of narrative and documentary films in addition to a special book discussion, art and music. [See events here](#)

**More Congo Events**  
[See more events here](#)

## ARTICLE PICKS

### Countdown to Congo's Election: A Tale Of Youth Power And A Regime Decline

By Kambale Musavuli

“ It is time to stop watching and start acting. Congolese, other Africans, and people of conscience throughout the globe must act to end the bludgeoning of a beleaguered people who seek peace, justice and human dignity. ”

### How many of you know Dave Chappelle's mother worked for Patrice Lumumba?

by GEORGE KIBALA BAUER

“ Seon's memory of Lumumba was one of a “decisive leader” that “cared deeply about his people.” On Congo Live she also spoke to the danger Lumumba represented to imperialism worldwide, thereby echoing Fanon and others, in viewing Lumumba's assassination as the personification of the post-colonial dilemma. ”

### Congolese Youth Rise Up Against Repressive President Kabila in Historic Protest Movement

By John Lasker

“ The spark for the protests was Kabila's majority in parliament trying to pass a constitutional law that would require a census for the upcoming elections in 2016. Because the nation is roughly the size of Western Europe and lacks sufficient roads and other infrastructure, the monumental census task would delay any presidential election for several years. ”

## NEWS HIGHLIGHTS

3 SEPTEMBER 2017

### DR Congo opposition plan protests in renewed push for elections

Protests are being planned across the Democratic Republic of Congo in a renewed push to force President Joseph Kabila from office. He went back on a deal with opposition parties to hold elections by the end of the year. He is calling for more time, but the delay is taking its toll on much of the population.

Al Jazeera's Haru Mutasa reports from Kinshasa. [Watch video](#)

22 SEPTEMBER 2017

### Decaying notebooks contain a treasure trove of tree growth data dating from 1930s

A cache of decaying notebooks found in a crumbling Congo research station has provided unexpected evidence with which to help solve a crucial puzzle – predicting how vegetation will respond to climate change. [Read More](#)

19 SEPTEMBER 2017

### Meeting on the Democratic Republic of the Congo in the margins of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly

United Nations convened a meeting on the preparations for the elections in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The meeting agreed on a coordinated approach involving the United Nations, the African Union, the European Union, the Organisation internationale de La Francophonie, and the Southern African Development Community, including through the establishment of a coordinated team of experts, to facilitate the mobilization of the required political, technical, financial and logistical support, in accordance with resolution 2348 (2017), to assist the Commission Electorale Nationale Indépendante (CENI), and sustain progress for the preparations of the elections. [Read More](#)

14 SEPTEMBER 2017

### Congolese art is recovering from its lowest days

In 2012, UNICEF estimated that 40,000 children work in the mining industry in southern Congo, and Caspar Rawles, an analyst for Benchmark Mineral Intelligence, believes that cobalt produced in the DRC through forced labour comprises approximately 5 per cent of total output.

10 SEPTEMBER 2017

### The cobalt boom: recharging trouble in the Congo

Artists in Congo tend to deal with real life, rather than abstractions. Art, says, Papy Malambu, who paints expressionist portraits of working men, is “a mirror for all of the world”.

## THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CONGO

SEPTEMBER 14

**1960**

Lumumba is removed from power and arrested in a coup d'état led by Joseph-Désiré Mobutu, with encouragement from Belgium and the United States.

SEPTEMBER 06

**2002**

Presidents of DRC and Uganda sign peace accord under which Ugandan troops will leave The Congo. Uganda, Rwanda say they have withdrawn most of their forces from the east. UN-sponsored power-sharing talks begin in South Africa.

SEPTEMBER 19

**2016**

Widespread protests across the Congo demanding Joseph Kabila to vacate the presidency. [Watch BBC report](#)

SEPTEMBER 15

**2006**

Results from parliamentary polls are announced leaving Kabila's party with the biggest tally of seats, but no overall majority.



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