



Douglas Maina

Douglas was one of the first participants of Uweza's art program when it started in 2011. Also a member of Uweza's soccer team, he was 11 years old at the time and had never painted before. He sold his first painting, a sunset on embossed paper, in 2012 and this motivated him to continue pursuing art as a hobby and as a career.

Maina is known for using a lot of detail in his paintings of nature, animals, and life in Kibera. He hopes to convey the importance of conserving the environment and surroundings through his paintings.

In addition to being a talented artist, Maina is also an excellent student. His parents struggled to be able to afford his education but through the sales of his artwork, he was able to pay his own school fees, complete high school, and gain admission to Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Nairobi, where he now studies Mathematics and Computer Science.

His goals for the future included being able to run his own businesses and companies and to continue to pursue a career as an artist. He wants to ensure that the community appreciates his artwork and that other people can learn from his pieces. He also hopes to help other young artists nurture their talent.

Maina is grateful to Uweza for supporting his education, providing exposure to experienced artists, and encouragement and guidance from the staff.