



Syimon Kibe

Syimon first noticed that he had a talent in art when he was in second grade and his teacher asked him to help with lessons by creating drawings on the chalkboard. When he was in his second year of high school, he joined Uweza Art Gallery and learned how to paint. His favorite themes and subjects include abstract animals, flowers/trees, and landscapes.

He hopes, through his art, to inspire both residents of Kibera and Kenya as well as people around the world to view art as not only a talent but a career and a means to help one meet their needs. His biggest challenge so far as an artist has been a lack of appreciation of art from people within his community and country. Recently, Syimon has started to create pieces depicting some of the issues and challenges that face Kibera residents. He aspires to change the lives of people in Kibera through his artwork.

Uweza has helped him pursue his goals by providing art materials that he wouldn't otherwise be able to access and providing a market for his work. Having finished high school in 2017, he now lives on his own and the sales of his artwork help him meet his basic needs.

