

Minchinghampton-Nkokoto Link
Cultural Arts Exchange Project



Nyumbani - Swahili for Home... Sharing each other's
home through music, song and dance

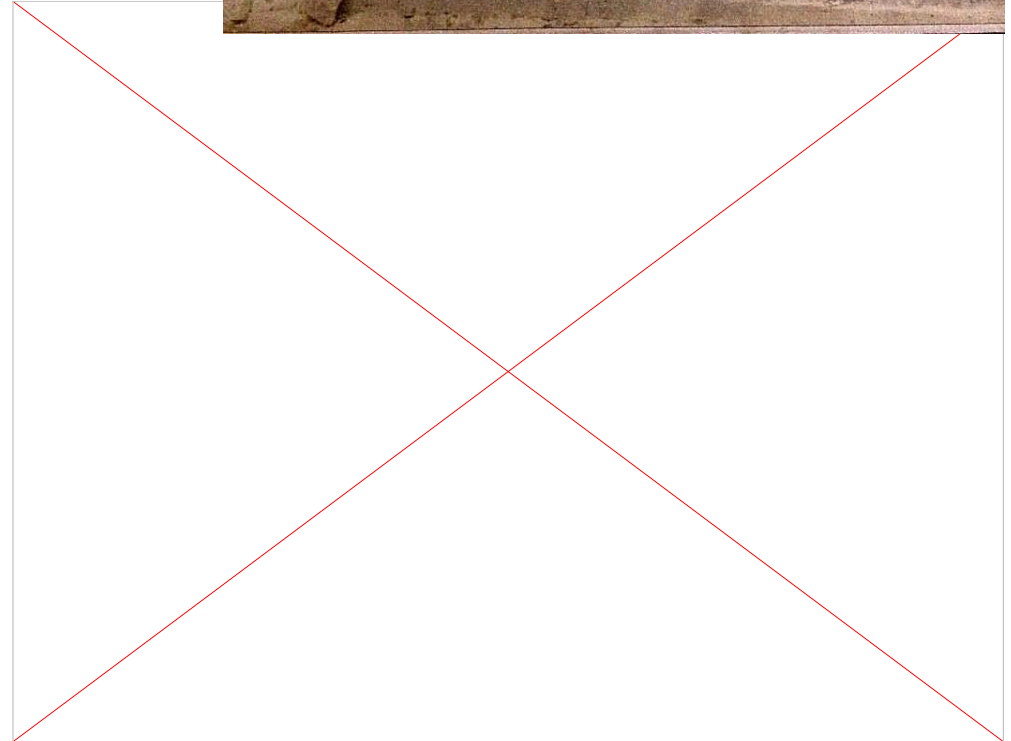
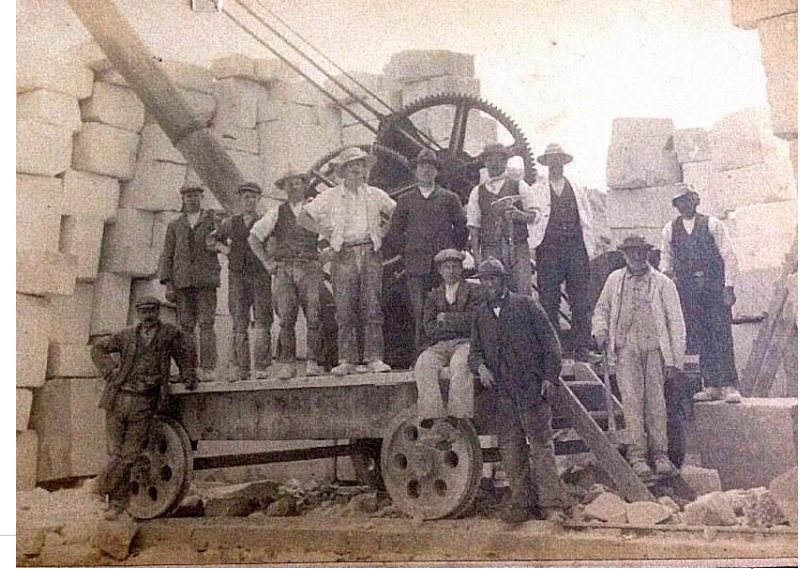
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Here we have many cultures and especially if you consider that we have many tribes in our country and each tribe has its own culture.

In our area of Nkokoto we have three big tribes which are Nyamwezi, Sukuma and Ha, but the two tribes of Sukuma and Ha are the ones that maintain their traditions the most and even have regular dances.

What we can do here is to gather these people of two tribes, namely Ha and Sukuma in our areas, and dance their traditional dramas (children alone and villagers alone). So we will take videos and photos of those dancing and send them in Minchinhampton, but we will also look at something else that will not be related to music that will be traditional and share with you as well.

We are thinking that we can go further more by creating a pen pal friendship between the two schools if the Minchinhampton school can agree.

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Bea & David's initial thoughts...

- Explore the history & heritage of our local area...drawing the wider Minch community into the activity and represent the findings in song/dance/drama/visual arts etc...
- Work with the children and community in Nkokoto to find out about their culture & heritage.
- Develop pen-pals and understand what 'A Day In The Life' is for children and adults in both communities.
- Help Nkokoto Primary school access resources. We have asked the Headteacher for his suggestions and await his reply, but clean running water and an extra classroom are two key challenges!