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Young writers three day creative workshop will be at the Luthuli Museum

For the third year running, the Luthuli Museum will host the Fundanami Trust creative writing workshop for North Coast high and primary school learners.

Aimed at increasing the level of reading and writing in the area, the Fundanami Trust has partnered with the Luthuli Museum to create a platform where learners receive intensive guidance in creative writing over three consecutive days.

The workshop begins on May 27 and ends on May 29. About 16 North Coast primary and high schools have been invited to send two learners each.

Learners will be encouraged to showcase their abilities, push the boundaries, re-write and then produce a final piece of prose or poetry that will be published in a book entitled "*I Write My Mind Out*". This year's book will be the third of a series published by the Luthuli Museum since 2011.

"One of the key objectives of the trust is to produce books which reflect a South African content and have anecdotes that are strongly flavoured by a life experience here. We want learners to have the opportunity to read about things that they can relate to and that reflect what they experience," said Fundanami Trust director Mike Wood.

'Each year we are delighted by the quality of writing produced. We look forward to an even more popular anthology from this year's learners. Seeing your work in print is a memorable and very stimulating opportunity, said Wood.

Luthuli Museum curator Sinothi Thabethe said, "Chief Albert Luthuli started out in education, he became a teacher, served as a principal and later went on to complete a higher education teachers course. He studied at Adams College and while teaching there he taught music and isiZulu. He also acted as administrator for the College soccer team known then as 'The Shooting Stars'".

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“It is therefore logical that the Luthuli Museum – dedicated to the life and legacy of Chief Albert Luthuli who himself wrote his own autobiography ‘Let My People Go’ - would support an initiative such as this and would partner with an organization like the Fundanami Trust,” he said.

Members of the media are invited to attend the close out presentation on May 29 at 11am when a selection of stories and poetry will be presented to principals and parents.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI'S CAREER IN EDUCATION

In 1915 Chief Albert Luthuli began a two year teacher training course at a Methodist mission school at Edendale. He later took up the position as principal and sole teacher at Blaaubosch intermediate school near Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal.

Then in 1920 he enrolled at Adams College and completed the higher education teachers' course. He was then offered a bursary to study at Fort Hare University but turned it down to give support to his mother who was sick at the time

He went back to Adams College to take up a teaching post where he taught music and isiZulu. In 1928 he was elected secretary for the African Teachers Association – a position that he held until 1933 when he was elected president of the same body – and founded the Zulu Language and Cultural Society as an auxiliary organization.

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