

# Discover Newsletter for colleagues in Africa

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## The benefits of planting trees and The International Day of the Forest

Dear Friends and colleagues,

**Online Presentation: “Planting trees in Africa is a lifesaver for the local population!”**

**Wednesday 1 March** at 5.30 pm in Ghana, 6.30 pm in the UK, 8.30 pm in Zimbabwe and Malawi and 9.30pm in Uganda and Kenya.



Kenja Thomas with bamboo he had planted on the banks of the Nyamwamba river to prevent flooding.

Your experience of planting trees has shown very clearly how communities in Africa benefit in many ways from planting and caring for trees, for example in flood prevention, water retention, for maintaining soil fertility, as a sources of food, medicine and timber.

Three Discover colleagues from Uganda will share their experiences, Kenja Thomas, from the foot of the Rwenzori Mountains in the west, Makabuli Yusuf from the Elgon Mountains in the east and Rehema Namyalo who has experience from many parts of the country.

You are warmly invited to take part. But you need electricity and a good internet connection to be able to do

so. Please let me know by 26 February if you wish to take part – but please only if you are serious! I must pay a small fee for each participant! I will send you the link a few days before 1 March.

### International Day of the Forest 21 March 2023

Please take the opportunity to publicise the work that you are doing in your local community by arranging a special event on this day.



On 21 March 2020 pupils and the headteacher of Gwengwere P. S. in Malawi planted trees in the school compound.

Invite a local leader to plant a tree – preferably an indigenous

tree. And take photographs! This will be good publicity

for you and good publicity for Discover. I hope to make a photo report of the pictures and information you send me.

If required, I can let you have a very modest sum to help with the costs of arranging this event. Let me know! I wish you every success.

Best wishes, Keith



On 21 March 2021 Judith Bakiryia planted a jackfruit tree in a matoke hole at “Busaino Fruit and Herbs”, Jinja, Uganda