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NEW **Stories & Words of Elders Series**
Nzuko Ndị Okenye — Iriri Awon Agbà
Sat. July 26

For Family and Youth — feel free to invite your friend! | Refreshments — 10:30AM, Event 11:00AM

Venue: Creative Foundation Centre @ 1615 St. Mary's Road

It is going to be engaging — come and share your story

with **Chief JUDE CHIGBO**

President, Umuanna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba

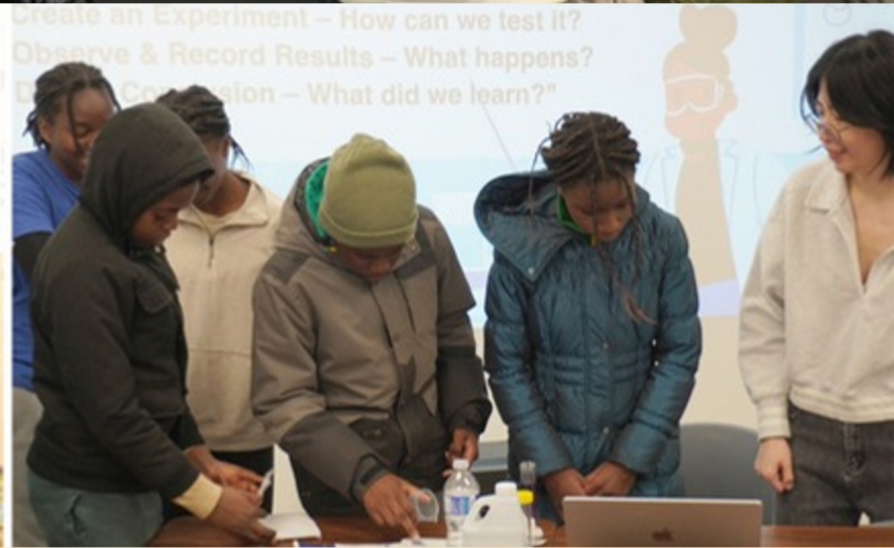
Special Guest Speaker

ARTSY MORNING



Weekly Programming

Creative Foundation Inc. sustained its weekly educational programming with structured sessions in coding, art and web design, providing youth with consistent opportunities to develop technical competencies and strengthen problem-solving, collaboration, and critical-thinking skills. Delivered by professionals with strong academic and creative credentials, these workshops offered high-quality instruction that encouraged participants to explore digital media and engage confidently with emerging technologies. The program was further enhanced through the introduction of basic science activities, where students conducted supervised chemistry experiments and carried out guided research on human body systems and anatomical functions. This expansion ensured a balanced learning environment that supported both technological and scientific literacy, reinforcing the Foundation's commitment to inquiry-based education and holistic youth development.



Workshops

Creative Foundation Inc. continued its commitment to community arts engagement with the 2025 Creative Day event, held on April 26 at the Winakwa Community Centre in Winnipeg. From morning activities to shared refreshments, participants enjoyed a welcoming environment filled with creativity, games, and celebration.

A highlight of this year's gathering was the donation of four large canvases, inviting attendees of all ages to contribute their artistic mark. Families, friends, grandparents, and visitors from near and far joined together to create collaborative works that reflected the diversity and spirit of Winnipeg's communities.

These four collective paintings will be donated to multicultural organizations through an open ballot process. Each piece will carry the signatures of its contributors, symbolizing shared creativity and community pride. All artworks will later be recalled for a group exhibition before being returned to the winning organizations, ensuring their stories continue to inspire.



Activities and Events

In 2025, the Words of Elders Series continued to bring families and youth together in powerful ways. When parents attend with their children, something special happens –young people tune in, absorb stories, and connect with wisdom that expands their world. Studies show that hearing from elders outside the home strengthens resilience and personal growth.

The March 16 session of the Words of Elders Series brought families and youth together at the Creative Foundation Centre for an afternoon of structured intergenerational dialogue. Esteemed guests Pa. Patrick Majekodunmi and Mr. Garry Green offered reflections grounded in decades of professional experience and community leadership. The gathering opened with an arts engagement segment facilitated by host Yisa Akinbolaji, setting a thoughtful tone for the presentations that followed. Participants received substantive insights into heritage, civic responsibility, and personal development, reinforcing the Series' mandate to strengthen youth growth through exposure to diverse lived experiences and respected elders.

Later in the year, the July 26 gathering further advanced the Series' objectives by convening families and youth for a morning of cultural dialogue and mentorship. Chief Jude Chigbo, President of the Umunna Igbo Cultural Association of Manitoba, delivered an address emphasizing heritage, leadership, and community stewardship. An arts engagement segment led by host Yisa Akinbolaji preceded the formal presentations, fostering an environment of creativity and reflection. The session provided participants with meaningful guidance rooted in lived experience, underscoring the importance of intergenerational wisdom in shaping youth development.



Activities and Events Continued

On August 23, 2025, Creative Foundation Inc., in collaboration with Africanad, hosted a distinguished ceremony recognizing Dr. Fola David—Guinness World Record holder, medical doctor, and celebrated visual artist—as a Creative Foundation Life Mentor. The event convened parents, youth, and elders for an afternoon that highlighted Dr. David's exceptional contributions at the intersection of art, medicine, and community leadership. During the program, Dr. David delivered an engaging presentation and completed a W24" × H18" live painting while responding to audience questions, demonstrating the technical mastery and speed that underpin his world-record achievement for the largest individual drawing, Unity in Diversity, measuring 1,050 square meters.

In addition to his induction as Life Mentor, Dr. David received the Exemplary Impact Award from Canadian Black Artists United, reflecting his global influence as a multidisciplinary practitioner and cultural ambassador. The Creative Foundation Life Mentor Award recognizes individuals under the age of 40 who have made transformative contributions in their professional fields and serve as role models within local and international communities; previous honorees include pediatric surgeon Dr. Tito Daodu and technology innovator Tanmay Bakshi. Dr. David's work continues to inspire audiences worldwide, exemplifying the values of dedication, excellence, and service that the Foundation seeks to instill in the next generation.





CREATIVE FOUNDATION INC.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 \$
ASSETS	
Bank Balance	206
Leasehold Improvements	20,700
Total Assets	<u>20,906</u>
LIABILITIES	
LoanandOutstanding Refunds	19,310
Total Liabilities	<u>19,310</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>1,596</u>





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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025
REVENUE	\$
Grant	34,802
Don ati on	548
Program Fees	6,675
Interest Income	170
	<u>42,195</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Programand Administrative Expenses	23,041
Amortization of Leasehold Improvements	10,350
Rental Expense	40,839
	<u>74,231</u>
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	<u>(32,036)</u>

