

Get creative during Covid-19 lockdown

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Cape Town Goema Minstrels, from left, Riyaz Omar, Carlton Adams, Muneeb Hermans, Brett Edwards and Isgak Omar, surprised the audience by playing and performing to the late Miriam Makeba's click son, Qongqothwane.

The #Slam4urLife competition is calling on youth between the ages of 13 and 35 to respond creatively to life under Covid-19.

Due to the pandemic and subsequent national lockdown, millions of youth are at home wrestling with the stress of how this crisis impacts their lives, and their futures.

Co-ordinated by the Western Cape Government Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports, in partnership with Community Chest, FunDza Literacy Trust and Assitej South Africa, the competition invites young people living in South Africa to submit their poetry, raps, songs, TikToks, sketches, photographs, artwork or memes. They will stand in line to win airtime, data and one of three laptops. The piece must focus, in an original and creative way, on some impact of the pandemic on our lives, whether on the health aspect or the major societal shifts.

It can be submitted through any of these social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or TikTok by tagging @Slam4urLife and using the #Slam4urLife hashtag.

Entrants can also submit work via the FunDza WhatsApp account. WhatsApp 'hi' to 0600 54 8676 and then type # and follow the menu prompts to submit your entry.

Participants have until Friday June 5 to enter and weekly winners will be announced.

Judges will select nine finalists in three categories: visual (photographs, artwork, memes), text (poetry, rap or flash-fiction), video (music performance, dance, sketch or TikTok). The recommended length for video submissions is 30 to 45 seconds, and the recommended word length for text submissions is 150 to 200 words.

The finalists will be given a week to promote their creative entry on social media. The final winners in the three categories will be announced on Youth Day, Tuesday June 16.

Follow @Slam4urLife on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and TikTok to view the entries as they come in.

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