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Race for BornTroWay medals

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Ade Bantu

Some 28 candidates have been shortlisted from the 130 that participated in the audition of a creative art project called BornTroWay, which recently took place in Lagos.

In line with the multi-genre nature of the project, the panel comprises artists from various disciplines – Ade Bantu (music), Ropo Ewenla (drama), Segun Adefila (dance) and Dagga Tolar (poetry/spoken word),

According to the organisers, the selected candidates – aged 14 to 23 – will participate in BornTroWay, which aims at promoting individual self-expression, artistic skills, teamwork and integration through the arts among a group of talented youths living in remote areas.

“BornTroWay will be piloted in Ajegunle, Lagos this month, it is about exchange, encounter, communication, orientation and the creation of cultural contributions.

“The Project was conceived from the inspiration of the Music Matters and Bantu Crew and their joint belief that art aggregates, repositions and expands the innate, sometime hidden talent of our youth in Nigeria. BornTroWay is a voluntary

initiative that involves artists and positive individuals that believe in arts as a tool for positive change,” Ewenla says.

The training methodology builds on the experience of the cross-cultural art-based Framewalk programme, which originated in Germany. Framewalk believes that art and culture must discuss and consider new ways forward.

Since creative ideas are in tandem with constant change they must adapt in playful ways to new developments and situations.

In doing so, they generate innovative and inspiring ways of reflection and create new connections.

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Framework has been successfully implemented in Ghana, Japan, Turkey and Israel.

Although the first phase of the project will hold between May 16 and 20, it will eventually travel across various geographical zones after which the finale will hold as a national music fiesta.

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