

FLORENCE SHINANDUKU BIOGRAPHY

Florence Shinanduku is a dancer and cultural Ambassador for the Congolese community in Melbourne. She grew up in Kinshasa and Kananga, Kasai in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She studied at the Institut National des Arts, worked for 10 years in drama and television at the Congolese national broadcaster, Radio-Television Nationale Congolaise. She also performed at the Congolese National Theatre Company and worked in HIV/AIDS prevention for the NGO Education for Life Central Service. She was an active poet, dancer and theatre worker.

Since arriving in Australia, she has maintained her passion for the arts, and has been making connections with people to support her practice, including Sisterworks, Mzuri Dance and Snuff Puppets. She dances and teaches Mutuashi, a traditional dance from DRC. Her aim is to bring Mutuashi - Dance of Freedom – to the Australian community, and to show that the joy of dance is for all people, all ages and all abilities.