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## Youth Safety Summit



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Dear Reader,

Special greetings from the entire team of the Youth for Safer Communities(YSK) project and Youth Safety Summit 2017.

# welcome note

It is with great pleasure to share with you all the news from our 5th Annual Youth Safety Summit which took place from the 29th of September to the 01st of October 2017. A total of 113 participants from 30 high schools of Nelson Mandela Bay gathered at Willows Resort and

Conference Centre in Port Elizabeth to discuss solutions to safety challenges affecting their schools and communities.

For the duration of three days starting from Friday, partici-

This report is a summary of the activities and results of the Summit which we intend to share with the schools and the interested public. Our goal is to increase the cooperation with the schools for a sustainable impact in the coming year.

Our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to the huge success of our Youth Safety Summit 2017: our partners the German Development Cooperation (through the GIZ Violence and Crime Prevention Programme), the Department of Education and the Department of Safety and Liaison, the high schools and staff and most especially, the participants of the Youth for Safer Communities project whose motivation, dedication and creativity is an inspiration to all of us!

Your YSK Team,

Shane, Noxolo, Jessie, Luthando, Nzuzo, Andisiwe, Vukile, Amanda, Wendy, Ziyanda, Busi, Onela, Sigqibo and Phumelela

As a tradition in the Youth Summit, a graduation ceremony was held to honour and celebrate the local heroes of 2017 for their dedication and contribution in the YSK project.



# Review 2017

The year 2017 was the 5th anniversary of the Youth for Safer Communities Project which began 5 years ago in 2012.

This successful journey of this youth focused crime prevention project dubbed as YSK continued to make a huge impact in 2017 by reaching out to a total of 3500 participants through 50 school safety workshops; 13 Gender-Based Campaign workshops ran by the Empowerment groups in 10 different high schools; The 3rd Annual Freedom for a Safer Youth event held on the 27th of April at KwaZakhele High School to launch a city-wide campaign against Gender-Based Violence; 2 Safer Schools Network meetings took place this year, one in March which focused on the National

Schools Safety Framework (NSSF) and the other one took place in August which focused on the topic of Gender Based Violence in schools. Our schools debate team from Gamble Street High school took part in the Provincial Schools Debate Tournament held from the 1st – 3rd of September 2017 at Selbourne, East London.

For the first time in the 5 years of YSK existence, a long day Drama Festival was held on the 09th of September 2017 at the Opera House. Nine drama

groups from 9 YSK schools namely: Masibambane High School, Loyiso High School, KwaZakhele High School, Newell High School, James Jolobe High School, Gelvendale High School, Phakamisa High School and Motherwell High School performed their plays in front of an audience of 500 people.

This year's campaign against Gender-Based Violence has contributed tremendously in a nationwide call for the public to join the fight against violence

towards women and girls. Our youth heeded that call and took action by implementing campaigns in their schools to educate and activate their peers through workshops, events and social media platforms such as YouTube where for an example a very educational video clip on Gender-Based Violence created by our youth can be viewed on the following link

<https://youtu.be/0PQVSAvxofE>



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# PLENARY session



A plenary discussion was conducted using a static world café method where all participants were divided into working groups to discuss and respond to statements related to Gender Based Violence, school violence and Active Citizenship in South Africa. Before the group discussions a short video clip which recently made national news showing a boy beating up a girl in a school in Durban was played for the participants to spark the discussions on Gender Based Violence in the South African schools. Subsequent to the groups' discussions speakers from each table were allowed to share their responses. Below is a summary of some of the responses given:

Q1

These kind of incidences (reference to the above mentioned video clip) are normal in our schools and there is nothing we can do about it.

The groups responded that these incidences were normal in their schools as they were happening everyday but there is definitely something they can do such as starting peer to peer group support, use drama to raise awareness, design and distribute posters to alert the community members about such incidences of violence and motivate them to do something about it. In addition, host dialogues with boys as a platform for them to share ideas on how to stop violence against girls.

Q3

It is safer to be a bystander during the incident of violence than to be an active citizen that intervenes.

It is safe because you might not get hurt and it is not safe because if you do not intervene the same thing may happen to you one day. It is time for everyone to go back to the core values of Ubuntu and help those that are in need and take more responsibility for our own environment.

Q2

It is not the learners' role to prevent violence in our schools?

Yes, it is, because if learners are not doing anything about what affects them no one else will. If learners, teachers and parents work together a lot can change for the better.

Q4

What are the advantages of active citizenship in our communities?

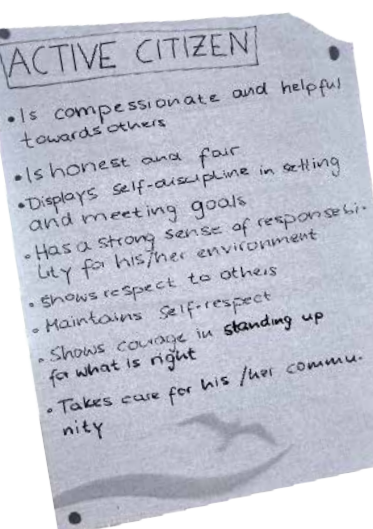
Active citizenship brings unity, respectful role models that educate our community and motivate others to actively get involved in the development of a crime free society



Aim: The aim of the workshop was to enable learners to understand Active Citizenship and to examine their own beliefs and actions towards challenges affecting their communities. To encourage them to take more responsibility and explore ways on how they can actively facilitate change in their communities.

The workshop began with an opinion scale on society's perceptions and stereotypes towards young people in South Africa. A list of controversial statements about youth's attitude, behaviour and role in society was read out. The objective of this exercise was to allow participants to reflect their own opinions whether they "agree" or "disagree" with the statements such as "Youth are lazy"; "Youth are disrespectful towards other people" "Youth have a strong sense of responsibility"; "Youth are very active in their communities". The second exercise of the workshop introduced the participants to the characteristics of an Active Citizen to make them

understand that an Active Citizen is someone that: is compassionate and helpful towards others; is honest and fair; displays self-discipline in setting and meeting goals; has a strong sense of responsibility for his or her own environment; shows respect to others; maintains self-respect; shows courage in standing up for what is right; takes care of his or her community. This was followed by an exercise called "Let's build together" where participants had to incorporate characteristics learnt from the previous exercise and work in small groups to draw an ideal society of young Active Citizens. Another main exercise done at the workshop was a "Problem Tree Analysis" where participants were divided into areas of their schooling and had to work together to analyse problems young people face and identify causes and consequences of those challenges. For the last exercise still in their working groups participants had to prioritise three main challenges from the previous activity and work on a solution oriented action plan with activities for 2018.



# Active CITIZENSHIP

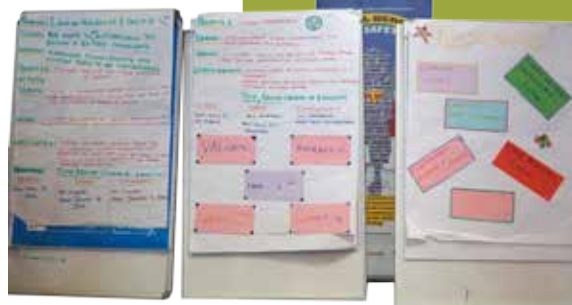




# OUTLOOK

During the Youth Safety Summit 2017, participants were divided according to their respective areas of schooling and they were tasked to plan campaigns for 2018 which will outline how as active citizens they will contribute towards school and community safety.

# 2018



## Motherwell Area

Participants from the Motherwell area decided on a campaign against "Lack of humanity and unity". The campaign will be implemented in the following schools:

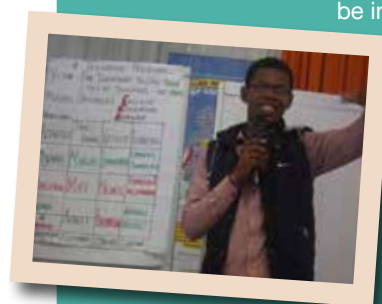
- James Jolobe High School
- Masiphatisane High School
- Motherwell High School
- Ndyebo High School



## New Brighton Area

Participants from the New Brighton area decided on a campaign against "Teenage Pregnancy". The campaign will be implemented at the following schools:

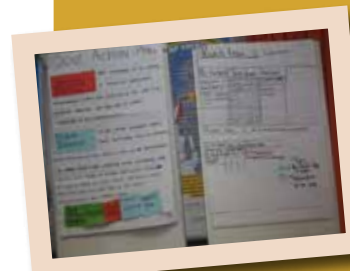
- Newell High School
- Ithembehle High School
- Sophakama High School



## Walmer Area

Participants from the Walmer area decided on a campaign to "Promote Active Citizenship". The campaign will be implemented at the following schools:

- Walmer High School
- Khumbulani High School
- Victoria Park High School



## Uitenhage Area

Participants from the Uitenhage area decided on the "Gangsterism free schools" campaign. The campaign will be implemented in the following schools:

- Gamble Street High School
- Thanduxolo High School
- V.M. Kwinana High School
- Nkululeko High School
- Molly Blackburn High School



## Northern Areas

Participants from the Northern Areas decided on a campaign to "Decrease Peer Pressure". The campaign will be implemented at the following schools:

- Gelvendale High School
- Booysens Park High School
- Paterson High School
- Bethelsdorp High School
- Chapman High School



## Zwide Area

Participants from the Zwide area decided on a campaign to "Promote Gardening". The campaign will be implemented at the following schools:

- Ikhwezi Lomso High School
- Loyiso High School
- Ndzondelelo High School



## Kwazakhele Area

Participants from the Kwazakhele area decided on a campaign "against Vandalism". The campaign will be implemented at the following schools:

- Kwazakhele High School
- Phakamisa High School
- Masibambane High School





# LOCAL HEROES OF SAFETY



**ANDISIWE MBELEKANE**

## WHEN DID YOU JOIN MASIFUNDE?

I joined Masifunde in 2006 when I was doing grade 4 in Walmer Primary School. Hahah! Yeah! Believe it or not it's been 12 years! I joined as a participant of a weekly life skills programme called Learn4Life.

## HOW HAS THE JOURNEY

### BEEN LIKE FOR YOU?

I have learnt a lot of valuable things that I possibly couldn't have learnt from just sitting in a classroom. Learn4Life was a platform for self- discovery and growth. It has been a great journey which taught me the importance of sharing knowledge and making change. It has also been a fun journey as I made friendships along the way.

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE YSC PROJECT?

I was one of the founding members of the YSC Project when it started in 2012 when I was still in grade 10. We started by conducting research about crime and violence in Nelson Mandela Bay. We then decided to share and educate our peers about our findings by conducting school safety workshops with the purpose to activate them to take more responsibility and contribute to the creation of safer spaces.



**YONELA MAPHOSA**

## HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED WITH THE YSC PROJECT?

It was when I attended a school safety workshop at my school in 2013 where I was chosen by my peers as a local hero to represent my school in YSC.

## HOW DID IT FEEL TO BE CHOSEN AS A LOCAL HERO?

It felt great and I was aware that I would make them proud. I really looked forward in representing my peers.

## HOW HAS THE YSC PROJECT IMPACTED YOU PERSONALLY? (EITHER AS A PARTICIPANT OR A FACILITATOR?)

The impact has been holistically overwhelming. As a participant a light and sense of responsibility was ignited. I have enormous experience that has moulded me to be an active citizen today. As a facilitator I found fulfilment because I knew that I was passing on the light that saved me from many challenges. Through this project I got exposure to opportunities that have allowed me to grow in the best way possible. Most significantly, the value for education was instilled on me and for that I'm very grateful.

## WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ROLE IN THE YSC PROJECT?

I am still a YSC Facilitator. I also work closely with the team to plan and coordinate annual YSC events such as the Freedom Day, Drama Festival and Youth Summit.

## DO YOU THINK THE PROJECT IS MEETING ITS OBJECTIVES WHEN IT COMES TO COMMUNITY SAFETY?

Definitely, take a look at the learners that took part in the project and myself included. The project gives us a drive that makes us staunch ambassadors of change and safety. As we now fully understand that community safety is everyone's responsibility and as young people we can be the ones who create safer spaces rather than committing crime. So yes, YSC is activating, encouraging and helping young people to play a positive role in their communities.

## WHAT IMPACT HAS IT MADE TO YOU PERSONALLY?

For me personally, YSC has been a stepping stone for many things and opportunities. I have grown to be a local hero and active citizen as I get a sense of purpose as a leader. To be part of a movement that changes young people's mind-set to be confident enough, to understand that their voices are valid and all our small positive contributions put together can create safer communities.

## ANY MESSAGE TO THE YOUTH?

My message to the Youth is that they must know that their voices matter and they are important. You need to understand that we are the co-creators of our lives therefore, we above everything else should always choose courage over comfort and fear and dare to make a change not matter how small it is.



**AMANDA MNCONO**

"Facilitating for me is fun, It is something that I really enjoy. What I like the most about it is that the learners actually listen to me. When you are almost the same age as them it's much easier for them to ask questions to you. A young facilitator makes learning fun for learners. It is also challenging because now you become a role model and how you live your life is very important. You now know that there are people who trust you and look up to you. I usually get young and old learners coming up to me to tell me how happy they are about themselves and all thanks to the sessions I had with them. They tell me that I am their role model. To me that is no joke because now I know that I will have to live my life considering that there are people that look up to me."



**NZUZO MAGAJANA**

"Being part of YSC has made a positive impact in my life. It has made me a better person because now I am able to interact with different people from different walks of life. Before I came to Masifunde I did not know how to act and speak to people whom I did not know. Working with YSC made me to be a strong person by coming out of my comfort zone. Now I am able to interact better and confidently with other people."



**BANELE BEKU**

"Because of YSC I am now able to run a successful after school programme in my community and I am also running youth activities with my team to keep children out of the streets by giving them something meaningful to do. I have recently started doing motivational talks for matriculants in different high schools in order to give them hope and motivate them to cross the finish line with style. I have come to the realisation that I too am a local hero and I too have a responsibility in my community."

# YSC TIMELINE

by Xolisa Mose





# THE GRADUATION



TIME	ACTIVITY	DIRECTORATES
19h00 - 19h05	Call to Order	Andisiwe Mbelekane & Banele Beku
19h05- 19h10	Opening Prayer	Ziyanda Cuba
19h10-19h15	Welcoming	Sigqibo Kutase
19h15-19h25	My journey with YSC	Mongikazi Honey Mlonyeni
19h25-19h30	Introduction Of the Guest Speaker	Phumelela Ndumbini

TIME	ACTIVITY	DIRECTORATES
19h30-19h40	Guest Speaker	Cllr. Ayanda Tyokwana
19h40-19h45	Thank you gift to the Guest Speaker	Timmecca Burchel
19h45-19h55	Presentation Of Graduation Certificates	Shane Mangcangaza
19h55-20h00	Closure	Wendy Duma
20h00	Dinner	

## programme of the youth summit 2017

FRIDAY	Day 1: 29 September 2017
11h00	Arrival and Registration - Willows Resort and Conference Centre
12h30	Opening, Welcoming, Briefing & Team Building exercises
14h30	Panel Discussion: YSC 2017 Review: school safety workshops, school projects and campaigns and school safety audits
16h00	World Café on Gender Based Violence and School violence
20h00	Debate on Active Citizenship

SATURDAY	Day 2: 30 September 2017
08h00	AVP Training
13h00	Active Citizenship
16h00	Campaign Planning
19h00	YSC Local Heroes Graduation Ceremony

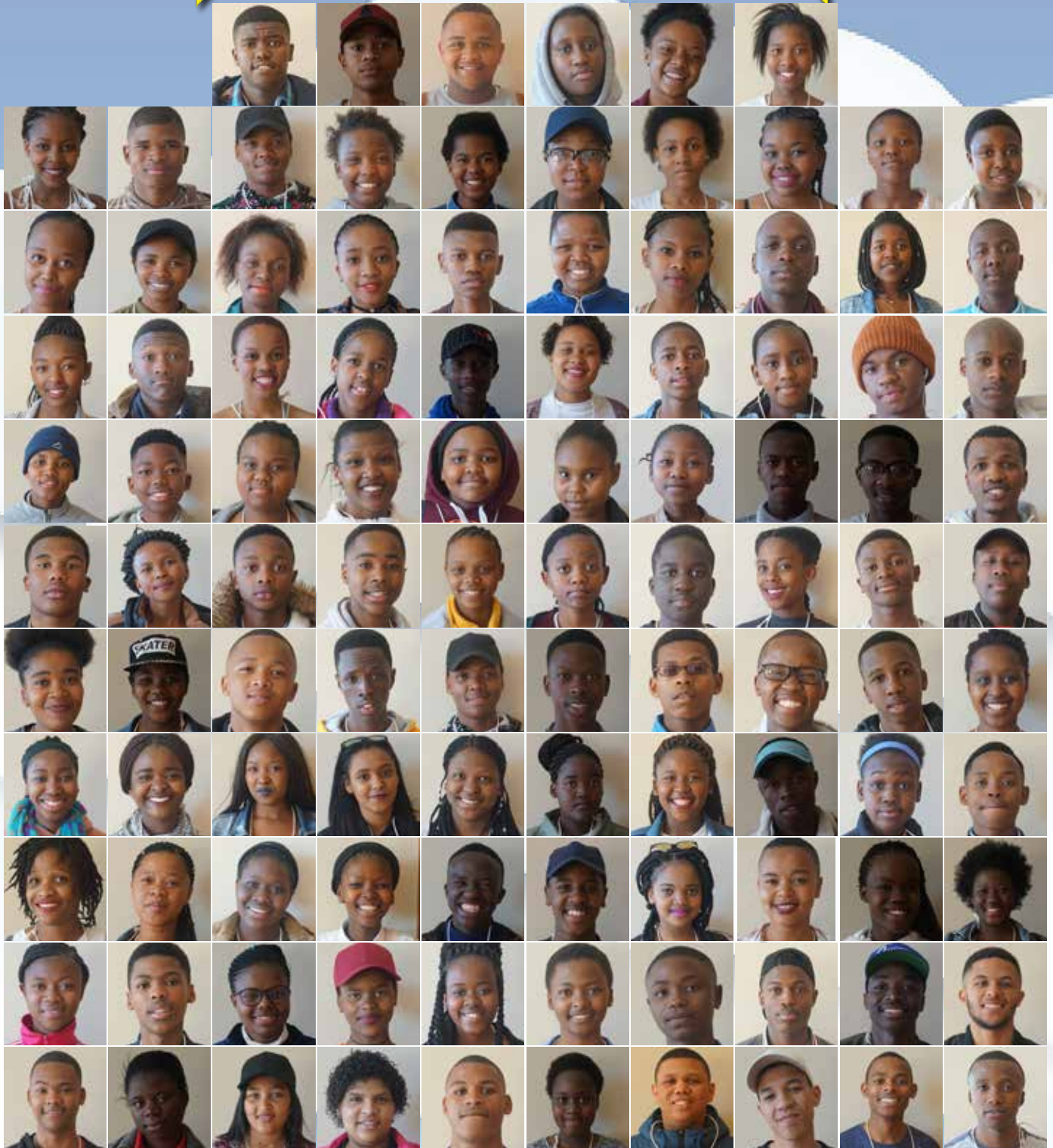
SUNDAY	Day 3: 01 October 2017
09h00	Presentation of campaign plans
11h00	Certificates and Evaluation

### PARTICIPANTS LIST

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Sinesipho Saki	Andisiwe Twalo	Regomoditswe Molaosi	Aphiwe Koboka	Magret Shanu	Sinovuyo Bobani
Akhanani Shayi	Aviwe Mapum	Linamadla Jonas	Zubenathi Mnyiphika	Simamkele Kinikini	Deon Cumming
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