

With the support of the Department of Education, Masifunde has initiated the Safer Schools Network. It brings together all interested schools and stakeholders from the Mandela Bay in order to

- initiate exchange between the schools about school safety matters,
- share good practise examples in the creation of safer schools, e.g. through the implementation of the National School Safety Framework (NSSF),
- advocate together for school safety matters.



**ABOUT MASIFUNDE**

Masifunde Learner Development NPC is a public benefit organization which provides holistic educational to over 300 learners from formerly disadvantaged communities. Masifunde’s programmes include academic support, life skills training and extra-curricular activities in the fields of arts, media and sport.

**Youth for Safer Communities**

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**BECOME PART OF YSC**

Book our peer facilitators to have them run their YSC school safety workshops at your school!

Contact us to have your school join the School Safety Network!

Annually, we are running YSC replication workshops for interested organisations to implement YSC or YSC-like activities, too. Call us, if your organization would like to find out more.

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## ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Youth for Safer Communities project (YSC) is a peer-to-peer school safety project by Masifunde, funded by the German Development Cooperation (GIZ). It is a successful example of learners taking the initiative to make a difference in their schools and communities.

The heart of the project is a peer-activation workshop developed and facilitated by high school learners. The workshop lets the participants (mostly grade 10 learners) recognize the role they can play in the creation of safer schools and communities.

The project identifies so-called "Local Heroes of Safety" in each school, learners who make a difference amongst their peers already. These learners join the city-wide YSC network which meets quarterly and join the annual Safety Summit.

Annually, the YSC learners reach over 2,000 high school learners with their workshops.



## SCHOOL PROJECTS

YSC motivates the learners to play an active role in their schools by running

- drama groups
- debate clubs and
- peer-to-peer helping groups

All groups run independently in the schools but receive support from an experienced coach. The groups aim at raising awareness on school safety related topics, e.g. through public performances or debates.

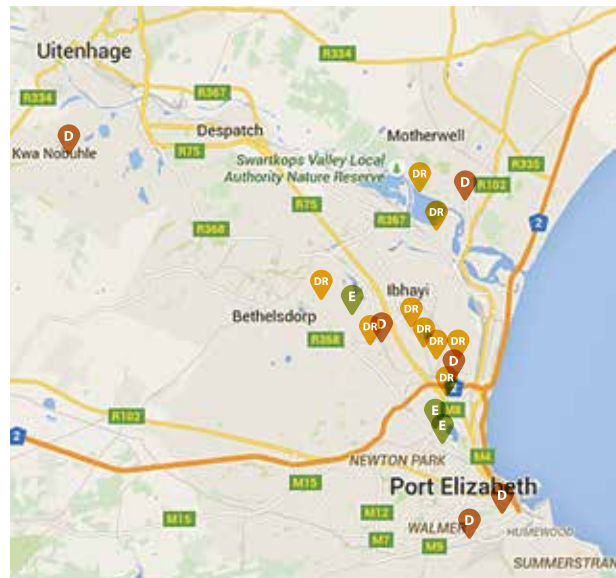


YSC Drama Group



YSC Debate Club

Currently, learners at 18 schools have started school projects:



YSC school projects exist at the following schools:

- D Debate
- E Empowerment
- DR Drama

## YOUTH SAFETY SUMMIT

Since 2013 every year highlights in a three-day Youth Safety Summit. Learners from each participating high school of the Nelson Mandela Bay meet to discuss safety issues which affect their schools and communities.

The learners receive training to strengthen their role as safety ambassadors and they develop recommendations for the local decision makers to ensure the young generation's voice is heard.

The Safety Summit is also used to develop action plans and a campaign which YSC launches annually on the Freedom Day in the "Freedom for a Safer Youth" event.

