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Youth For Safer Communities

Youth Safety Summit

27 – 29 November 2015

Edition 2

Willows Conference Centre
Nelson Mandela Bay



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LEARNER DEVELOPMENT

Dear Reader,

Thank you for your interest in the Youth for Safer Communities project and its Youth Safety Summit 2015.

welcome note

For the third year in a row learners from Nelson Mandela Bay's high schools met to discuss safety issues that affect their schools and communities. This time, in total 86 learners from 19 high schools gathered from the 27th to the 29th of November 2015 at the Willows Conference Resort.

The learners developed a campaign to increase safety within their schools. The campaign shall focus on alcohol and drug abuse as one of the challenges amongst their peers which con-

tribute to high levels of violence and lack of safety. For the first time, learners graduated from the YSC programme and were trained to become future facilitators of the school safety workshops. The learners also looked back at the 2014 summit and evaluated the impact they have made in 2015.

At the 2014 summit learners had developed suggestions for the Municipality how to increase safety within Nelson Mandela Bay. Proudly they looked back

at three YSC learners handing over their suggestions to the Executive Mayor, Mr Danny Jordaan, on the 17th July 2015.

This booklet summarises the results of the three days and shares them with the schools and interested public. Our goal is to increase the cooperation with the schools to increase sustainability and impact in the coming months.

We thank everybody who have contributed in making the Youth Safety Summit in 2015 a huge success: our partner GIZ, the high schools and their entire staff and most importantly, the learners of the Youth for Safer Communities Project whose motivation, discipline and creativity is an inspiration to all of us!

Your YSC Team,
Linda, Shane, Valencia and Jonas

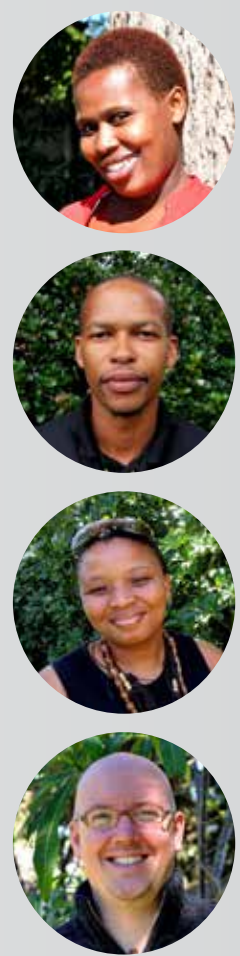


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programme of the youth summit 2015

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Group Facilitation: Shane Mangcangaza, Valencia Twalo, Tarryn Ramoo, Xabiso Zweni, Anna-Maria Grün
AVP-Training: Sibusiso Sithole

FRIDAY	
11h00	Opening and Welcome
13h00	Teambuilding with AVP methods (Alternatives to Violence Project)
14h30	Group 2: New learners Introduction to YSC
	Group 1: Drama, Debate and Empowerment projects Recap of 2015 and planning of 2016
19h00	Plenary Session

SATURDAY	Group 3	Group 2	Group 1
09h00	Child Protection Policy	AVP Training	YSC - Facilitation Training 1
11h30	AVP Training	Local Heroes of Safety	
15h00 - 17h00	School Safety: Safety Mapping and National School Safety Framework		AVP Training
20h00	YSC "Graduation" Ceremony		

SUNDAY			
09h00	Reflection on day 1 and 2		
10h00	Plenary Discussion How to make our schools safer		
10h30	Small group work: Presentation of: Safety Campaign and Freedom Day Event		
14h00	Plenary Presentations and a Letter to the Editor		
16h00	Certificates and Evaluation		

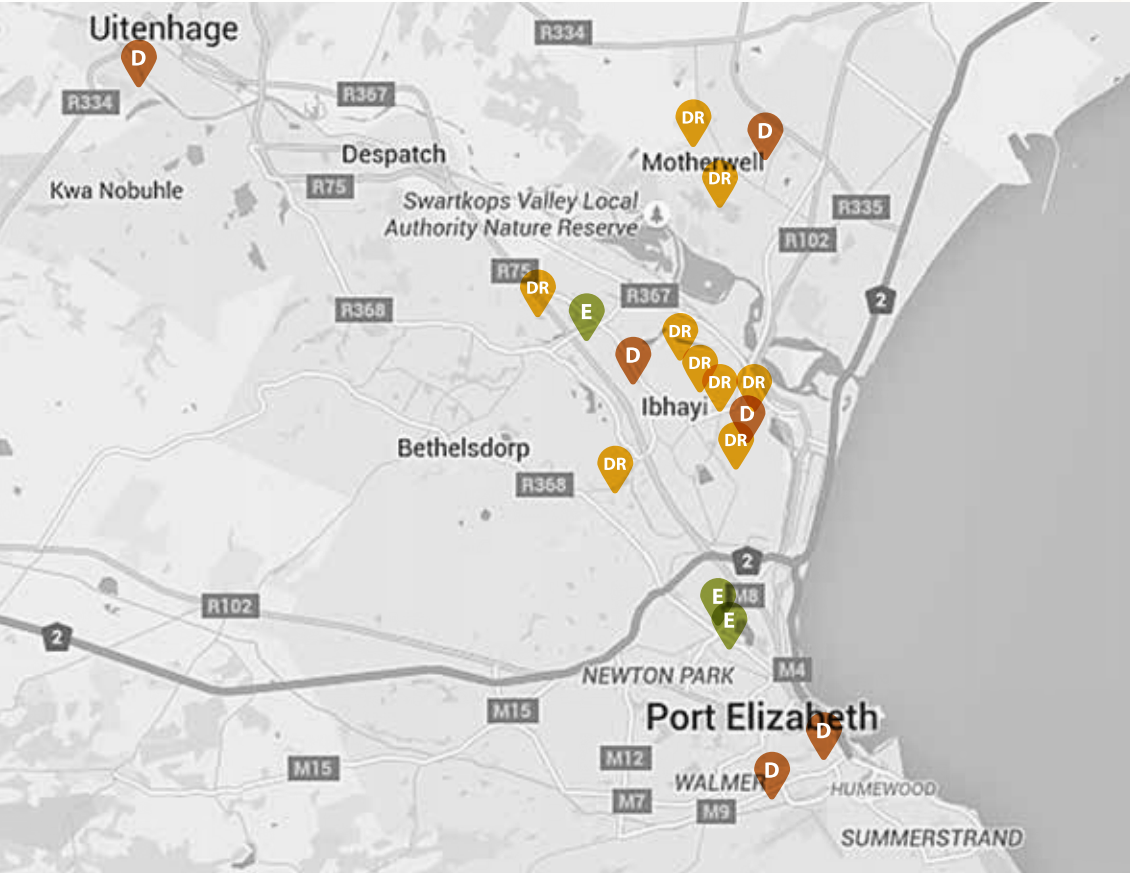
The “Youth for Safer Communities” project is a successful example of youth taking the initiative to make a difference in their schools and communities. 45 learners from Walmer Township, all part of Masifunde’s Learn4Life! programme, developed their own school safety and youth activation workshop in 2012. During the years 2013 – 2015, they ran their workshop for over 4 000 grade 10 learners in 34 high schools all over the Nelson Mandela Bay. The participants of the workshops were motivated to develop their own school projects to increase safety and to raise awareness. In the first youth summit from the 29th of November to the 1st of December 2013, learners from 25 schools voted to implement three projects in their schools as from 2014:

- Drama projects
- Debate clubs
- Empowerment Peer Helping projects

The second Youth Safety Summit took place from the 28th to the 30th of November 2014 at Willows Conference Centre, Port Elizabeth, with 90 participants from 26 schools. The learners

youth for safer communities projects

developed suggestions how to make the Nelson Mandela Bay a safer place to be. They handed their suggestions over to Executive Mayor, Mr. Danny Jordaan, on the 17th July 2015.



YSC School Projects exist at the following schools:

(At balloons marked with a letter, the learners implement YSC school projects:

- D** Debate
- E** Empowerment
- DR** Drama

Participants of the YSC Youth Summit 2015

Abongile Dulwana	Alluta Mbetheni
Nomfusi Msizi	Gcobani Peter
Lebohang Dhlamini	Lonwabo Klaas
Nomazangwa Magopeni	Jessica Barkes
Sikelelwa Nqono	Zukiswa Mpongoshe
Sakhile Lose	Lulama Mpongoshe
Phumlani Noqegu	Hlombekazi Breakfast
Lusanda Tyeke	Miranda Maweni
Grace Kariuki	Nolubabalo Maqashalala
Simamkele Hliso	Anathi Mqongwana
Lufefe Phillip	Siphesande Nyanga
Sanelisiwe Dick	Siyamthanda Masoka
Nzuzo Magajana	Soyama Mali
Thulani Ndzotyana	Annalisa Lupondwana
Masibulele Gege	Wendy Duma
Abongile Sixalwe	Sithole Sakhiwo
Sethu Dayile	Simamkele Mchako
Sanele Tosela	Yonela Maposa
Sinovuyo Ngcikwe	Shirmonique Maaka
Nolitha January	Thabisa Tamesi
Ntombikayise Saalman	Mongikazi Mlonyeni
Thandazani Gwampa	Mongikazi Mlonyeni
Siviwe Kwatsha	Grant Moni
Nicole Kudyachete	Jasmine Walters
Chandrey Freeman	Bhilquest Mccarthy
Ciano Daniels	Deon Cumming
John Olivier	Lucrisha Geswinelta
Masibulele Bangeni	Chari Martha
Lutho Mahola	Thembela Gqopotolo
Akuhle Mange	Aviwe Solani
Siphesihle Mqambalala	Thembeqa Qaka
Unathi Busakwe	Yanga Kope
Sanelisiwe Raco	Simon Tsila
Busisiwe Anda Johnson	Alungile Boqwana
Banele Beku	Zintle Twani
Sivenathi Twecu	Nomthandazo Mtati
Lisekhona Fritz	Lukhanyiso Cezula
Mihlali Jaji	Thabisa Rayi
Amanda Mncono	Luthando bailey
Andisiwe Mbelekane	Asanda Ngwendu
Andile Windvoel	Busisiwe Sibutha
Phelisa Plaatjie	Xolisa Mose
Sive Sifora	Bulelani Sifuba
Rukeya Hart	



OUTLOOK 2016

During the 2015 Youth Safety Summit, all learners agreed to tackle one major challenge together across all involved schools. They analysed the safety within their schools through school-safety-mapping. Furthermore, a questionnaire anonymously filled by all learners highlighted which challenges the majority of learners face in their schools.

SOME OF THE RESULTS

ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE

From 54 Learners

- 39 have seen alcohol on school premises
- 53 have seen learners smoke on school premises
- 25 have seen illegal drugs on school premises

SEXUAL VIOLENCE

From 54 Learners

- 3 have not gone to school because scared of sexual violence
- 19 have been called rude sexual names at school
- 13 learners have been touched at their private parts without giving permission

BULLYING

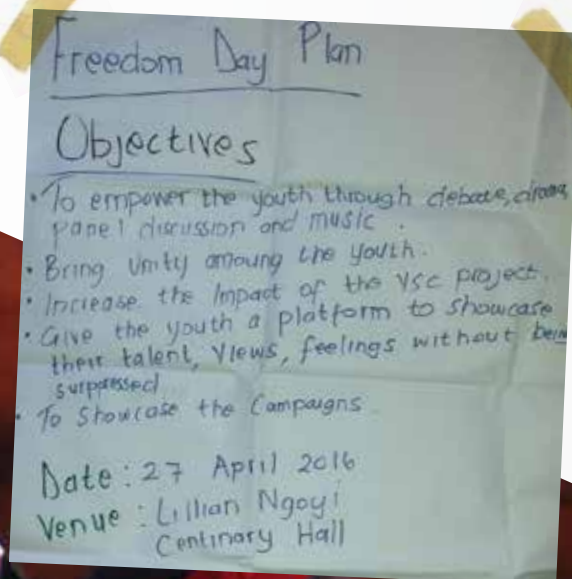
From 54 Learners

- 14 have been victims of bullying
- All reported that bullying is a problem at the school in general

The majority of learners voted to focus on the challenge of "Alcohol and Drug Abuse" within their schools.

A united campaign in 2016 shall include all drama groups, debate clubs and empowerment projects, as well as all selected local heroes from the participating high schools.

The campaign will be officially launched on Freedom Day 2016 with a city-wide event hosted at the Nangoza Jebe Hall in New Brighton.



DRAMA

Learners from the following schools chose to have YSC Drama Groups at their schools:

Motherwell High
Gelvandale High School
James Jolobe High School
Loyiso High School
Lungisa High School
Masibambane High School
Newell High School
Nzondelelele High School
Tembalabantu High School
Walmer High School

In 2016, the groups will receive assistance from YSC-Drama Coach, Xabiso Zweni. Their objective is to perform more plays which inspire the youth to take the positive decisions and to stay away from negative influence such as alcohol and drugs.

“ We have drawn up a plan for next year how to increase the impact of our plays. I’m very excited for my community to become safer through the messages we send out.

~ Sinovuyo, Ndsongdelele High School



EMPOWERMENT

Learners from the following schools chose to have YSC Empowerment Projects at their schools:

Alexandra High
Paterson High School
Ithubelihle High School
Kwa Magxaki High School

In 2016, the groups will receive assistance from YSC-Empowerment Coach, Fareedah Sauls. They will plan their activities at the beginning of 2016.

DEBATE

Learners from the following schools chose to have YSC Drama Groups at their schools:

Gamble Street High School
Indyebo High School
Ikhwezi Lomso High School
Sakhisizwe High School
Walmer High School
Victoria Park High School

In 2016, the groups will receive assistance from YSC-Debate Coach, Siphokazi Tau. Their objective is to publicly debate topics around school safety to raise awareness amongst the youth.

“ We hope that by us debating about certain issues that come with substance abuse we make other teenagers aware of the dangers that come with alcohol and drug abuse.

~ Mhlali, Victoria Park High School



Letter to **THE** **EDITOR**

as submitted to THE HERALD

by Sanelisiwe Dick

The Youth is finally taking a stand against substance abuse. We are constantly being bombarded by advertisements of beverages high in alcohol content and claims of drugs and alcohol being 'cool' all day everyday. We seldom pay attention to the 'Not for sale to persons under the age of 18' caption. The question is why? Maybe it is because we lack positive role models or could it perhaps be because we fail to see ourselves as role models? With alcohol and drug abuse being the leading causes of the increase in the criminal activities in and around Port Elizabeth something needs to be done.

From the year 2013 Masifunde Learner Development NPC has been in partnership with the GIZ (the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) on the Youth for Safer Communities project with aims to activate the youth to realise and play their role in the creation of safer spaces. Through workshops conducted in ±25 high schools in Port Elizabeth reaching no less than 2 000 learners the project is growing rapidly. After the workshops the schools would then select representatives to attend annual youth summits in order to pinpoint and employ measures to reduce the impact of risk factors identified in our respective communities.

During the preceding year's summit (From 27-29th November 2015) the issue of substance abuse amongst a few, managed to capture the participants' attention. Out of a number of social issues faced by the youth and the rest of the Port Elizabeth substance abuse stood out. Resulting in 2016 being the year of the implementation of projects which will hopefully raise awareness around the problem at hand. The projects range from social network pages serving as communication tools between people of different backgrounds and areas of expertise to concerts showcasing the effects of substance abuse using art forms varying from drama to poetry to music.

All of these measures are put on place because the creation of safer spaces is everybody's business, why not make it yours?



Being a local hero of safety means to see the little things in life which can improve the well-being of others. It is not the heroic deed but the small yet impactful one. The local hero spots the problem, finds a solution and acts on it. Whether a friend needs someone to talk to or another

learner needs assistance with exam preparations – a small good deed can prevent negative developments in others and

contribute in the long term
to positive change which in
return increases the safety in
our communities.

So what can you do to be a local hero of safety?

- Raise awareness, e.g. about positive behaviour
- Counselling and mentoring peers, e.g. by being a friend who listens and assists
- Volunteering in the community, e.g. in a children's or old age home
- Starting and running clubs, e.g. a drama, soccer or music club
- Tutoring, e.g. by helping struggling learners in their own strong subjects
- Teaching life skills, e.g. by sharing your way to success with a sibling

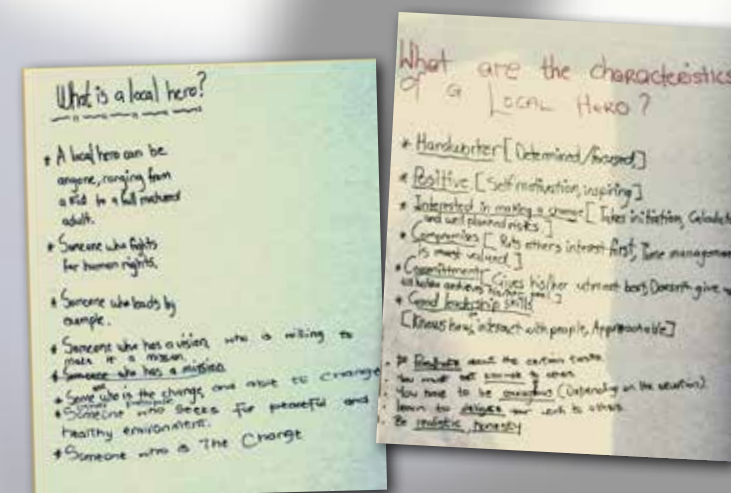
A circular portrait of a man with short, dark hair, wearing a red shirt. He is looking slightly to the left of the camera with a neutral expression. The background is a plain, light color.

"I have learned that anyone can be a local hero as long as he or she stands up for their rights, knowing what is wrong and what is right. I know that I can be a leader. I can be a local hero."

Deon, Gelvendale High School:

the local hero of safety

Being a local hero of safety means being actively involved in the creation of safer schools and safer communities without bringing oneself in danger. The own safety has priority – always!



**Think about how much of
a Local Hero of Safety is
within you!**

The summit delegates
are convinced: ***you too
can be a local hero of
safety!***



AVP

AVP is all about ways to resolve conflict, build healthy relationships and communities by learning skills such as affirmation, trust and effective listening.

During the summit, AVP Coach Sibusiso Sithole from Johannesburg, did the following exercises with the learners:

- Listening Circles
- Cooperation exercise
- Affirmation exercise
- Intentions wheel
- Trust Exercise
- Communicating feelings

The main learnings for the learners were the ability to see the positive in any conflict situation, taking responsibility instead of blaming and assertiveness.

AVP will allow them to be effective leaders in their schools. They will be able to cooperate with other learners and build strong communities that are formed by resilient youth.



"As people united we stand, divided we fall – I know it sounds cliché, but it's actually true."

Sanelisiwe,
Walmer High School:



THE GRADUATION

TIME	ACTIVITY	DIRECTORATES
18h00 - 18h10	Call to Order	Nzuzo Magajana & Thulani Ndzotyana
18h10 - 18h15	Welcoming	Phelisa Plattjie
18h15 - 18h20	Scripture	Wendy Duna
18h20 - 18h25	Introduction of the YSC	Soyama Mali
18h25 - 18h30	Toast to Masifunde	Annalisa Lupondwana
18h30 - 18h35	Introduction Guest Speaker	Nolitha January
18h35 - 18h50	Guest Speaker	Ms Fezeka Tsotsobe (FAMSA)

TIME	ACTIVITY	DIRECTORATES
18h50 - 18h55	Thanks to Guest Speaker	Sanelisiwe Dick
18h55 - 19h00	Toast to participants	Linda Zali & Shane Mangcangaza
19h00 - 19h05	Participants Overview of the YSC Project	Soyama Mali
19h05 - 19h20	Presentation of Certificates	Linda Mali
19h20 - 19h25	Vote of Thanks	Valencia Twalo
19h25 - 19h30	Closure of the Programme	Nzuzo Magajana & Thulani Ndzotyana




"Now that I have graduated I can't wait to visit new schools to help new learners to become part of this project [as facilitator]." Annalisa, Gamble High School

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- Counselling and mentoring peers**
- Volunteering in the community**
- Starting and running clubs**
- Teaching life skills**
- Tutoring**

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15 September 2016 – 4th quarterly YSC Forum meeting
25– 27 November 2016 – YSC Youth Summit