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WALMER'S OWN

SPECIAL EDITION 2013



youth for safer
communities

Creating our safer tomorrow



WE'VE BEEN BUSY



Senelise Walmer's Own, interviews people for the survey



Field Research Gelvandale



Field research Kwazakhele



Walmer's Own survey Samkelo and Hlombekazi



Grade 11 Field research Gelvandale



Facilitation Training

Business against Crime workshop



Writing ideas for safer spaces at summer camp



Walmer's Own research and writing



Facilitation Training



Xola grade 12 presents at Facilitation training



Facilitation Training



Walmer's Own Interviews Vudu & Geniuses



Maslunda choir records the yse song



Grade 10 facilitating their first workshop



VuDu and Geniuses rehearsing the song



Grade 10 field research in Kwazakhele

EDITORIAL

Hello youth of NMB,
there are a lot of young people out in Nelson Mandela Bay that make our areas safer. Nicolene is running drama classes and Nhlanhla has his own task force that looks out for negative things at school and presents a radio show. Everyone can get active and do something to create our safer tomorrow. Check out our safety tips and draw your

own safety map.
With this magazine you will also get the great song "I can make a difference" played by Vudu and Geniuses feat. Masifunde Choir, a Videoclip and documentary.

We spent six months to prepare this edition for you. We conducted 20 interviews, researched from

Summerstrand to Zwide to Gelvendale and took 1,392 pictures. This magazine is written by the youth for the youth. With this Special Edition you can not only learn something, we can create safer spaces for our city!

We are the "Youth for safer communities" and together we can make a difference! Let us start now!

By



GRACE KARIUKI

THE STORY BEHIND THE STORY

Our *Walmer's Own* magazine is a publication which was started by Masifunde Learner Development back in 2009. Currently, there are 10 of us in the team. We learn about writing, photography and research skills and produce our very own publication twice a year. Most of us are from Walmer High and live in Walmer Township. With the help of Racheal Chikadaya (Communications and Fundraising coordinator at Masifunde) and Simone Strobel, a volunteer at Masifunde

we meet every week for two hours to learn, write and be creative. Sometimes we get to go out of the Township and meet different people in the Bay which gives us a view of what it is like to be a real life journalist.

This edition is one of the biggest and most exciting that we have ever worked on. As a team we have tried to give you a glimpse into the "Youth for safer Communities" project with articles about what the participants learnt.

If you love to write like we do, you can join our group or even send us an article to publish in our magazine, we'd love to hear from you! walmers.own@masifunde.com

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The Executive Mayor's message to the Youth

Greetings to all young people of Nelson Mandela Bay!

It's always a great pleasure to address the future leaders of this Metro of ours which is named after one of the greatest icons the world has ever seen, uTata Nelson Mandela.

Hence, I would like to call upon all young people to follow in the footsteps of this great leader by ensuring that you take control of your communities, which includes neighbourhoods, streets, schools, parks, and sports fields, and work together to build a society where all individuals feel safe and enjoy a good quality of life free of fear, violence and crime.

The women street committees who voluntarily patrol the streets of Helenvale day and night are the shining example of how we can work towards achieving this goal.

Although we may sometimes feel overwhelmed by our fear, we should draw strength from our hopes and our capacity to take action. The Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality is in the process of establishing a Metropolitan Police Service that will assist with Traffic Law Enforcement as well as policing in general. I also would like to encourage young people to consider careers in Law Enforcement and Safety and Security as well. We need dedicated and hardworking officials to safeguard our communities.

Let me conclude by saying, as government we will do our best to facilitate peace and stability in our communities but the success will remain upon your commitment as young people to join hands as you embark in a massive community mobilisation towards achieving your main objective, that of, making your communities safer.
I thank you.

The Executive Mayor,
Benson Hla



ABOUT GIZ

GIZ (the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) are a German federal enterprise who offer workable, sustainable and effective solutions in political, economic and social change processes throughout the world and is funding the "Youth for Safer Communities"-project.

From GIZ to the youth

Many people say that young people like you are the future of a country. We say no, you are not just the future, you are also very important today. With your very different talents, your drive and motivation to create a better future for everyone, things will just not work without you.

Why? It is because you know very well the problems and opportunities in your communities. You are in the middle of it, with your eyes and ears wide open. Every day you are there and can see how people you know - family, friends and neighbours - are struggling with the problems caused by the lack of safety and you realise the opportunities for making communities safer.

With the knowledge and skills you have accumulated from this magazine you are equipped to make contributions to creating safer spaces around you. Just imagine if everyone makes one small contribution. When you look at them together, you will see how powerful you can be.

Therefore, we are excited about this project and look forward to meeting some of you at the youth Conference in December or exchange thoughts on the Facebook Page of "Youth for Safer Communities".

giz

CREATING SAFER COMMUNITIES

Nomfusi, writer for Walmers Own speaks to Linda Zali coordinator of Youth For Safer Communities about how crime is affecting our communities

NOMFUSI

Many people in Nelson Mandela Bay feel unsafe in their communities. Crime has become a topic of daily discussion for the youth. I have learnt from this project that Youth crime is antisocial or criminal behavior by children or adolescents between the ages of 18-35. Crime can vary from stealing a pencil from someone's desk at school to stealing a car. I have asked my friends lately "do you know of someone who has had their cell phone stolen, house broken into, been attacked or raped? Or has this happened to them?" Most of them have either been directly affected by crime or know someone who has suffered because of it.

LINDA

It is true that crime is affecting all of us. That's why the youth of Walmer Township started looking at ways of minimizing the impact of crime and violence in their own daily lives. They started by exploring the different causes of crime and violence. When they did their research they noticed that one common thing that made youth engage in criminal activities was the lack of after school activities. It became evident that in order for young people to make their communities safer they needed to find other positive things to do which will ultimately lead to the creation of safety.

NOMFUSI

It's strange that according to the police crime statistics, crime has decreased in South Africa between April 2010 to March

2012 e.g. cases of murder have gone down (15940 to 15609), rape (66 196 to 64 514) and robbery (54 883 to 52 980) in total that was 137 019 then it decreased to 133 103. Many people disagree with that because they have a feeling that crime is still increasing.

LINDA

As much as Police say that crime has decreased in NMB most people feel unsafe in their homes and communities. To remedy this situation maybe the community could approach the police and try to create dialogue and a partnership.

NOMFUSI

But even adults are scared to go to work, without being aware of what would happen to them and their children. Crime is everywhere and the youth are contributing to it. They can't even walk around freely without expecting to be attacked. Families are being destroyed by crime. What does the community do about it? Sit back and watch?

LINDA

The first thing that youth need to do is to find the need in their community. They need to ask themselves "What is it that our community needs?" Once they have an answer to that question they will be able focus their energies on improving their communities. In doing so they are changing their communities for the better plus they are involving themselves in something positive.

NOMFUSI MSIZI



LINDA ZALI



Young people and old people have to unite in their quest for a safer community. They can start a night watch, cleaning up their neighbourhood, getting rid of dump sites, making use of unkempt areas for community activities. They also need to come up with innovative ideas, some of these tips may not sound like they can make a space safer but if they are creative they can come up with ways to improve their situation. The future of our communities is in our own hands.

**People
"Vuk'unzenzele,
get up and make
a difference"**



NOMFUSI MSIZI

PERCEIVED SAFETY in Nelson Mandela Bay

Perceived safety is a question of how comfortable you feel in a situation. For example, traffic signals are perceived as safe, yet under some circumstances, they can increase traffic crashes at an intersection. Traffic roundabouts have a good safety record yet often make drivers nervous. The same can be said for police officers in the streets. Police are generally around to make people feel safe, but sometimes when we see police we feel nervous because we start to think of all the reasons that police could be around the area. Even more sometimes when there is too much light in an area, like flood lights in the township it makes the people feel watched and unsettled.

We went around Nelson Mandela Bay and asked residents how safe they felt in their communities. It was interesting to find that some of them felt safe because of the presence of Police or the emergency response vehicles parked off the streets. Some mentioned that they feel safe because they know who their neighbours are. Some say they feel safe because they are people walking around at night whereas some people actually feel less safe because they are lots of pubs and drunken people walking around.

TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE NMB COMMUNITY HAD TO SAY:

OLWETHU, 27, FROM SUMMERSTRAND:

"I do not feel safe, because every day people get robbed while they are walking around here."



CICILIA, 60, FROM GREENACRES:

"I live here since 1992, I feel safe if people are around."



PAMELA, 56, FROM WALMER:

"I feel safe, because we have dedicated Atlas patrols here."

JAIVE, 56, FROM SOUTH END:

"I feel safe, because you can alert the neighbors every time and a police station is around the corner."

MANTOMBI, 57, FROM BROOKS HILLS:

"I feel safe because the people in that area are nice."

Low perceived safety can have costs. For example when people feel that it is unsafe to walk in their streets at night, many people then choose to stay indoors. This means that the streets actually become deserted and less safe. Perceived risk discourages people from walking and bicycling for transportation, enjoyment or exercise, even

though the health benefits sometimes may outweigh any risk. Improving perceived safety is about knowing your surroundings. Finding out which areas are really safer than others and who you can call if you are in trouble.

KETHY, 45, FROM SUMMERSTRAND:

"I feel safe, because there is a lot of movement and people walking around here and police are walking around too."



DEMETRI, 23, FROM SUMMERSTRAND:
"I do not feel 100 percent safe, but in the day I do."



MANDISI MALI, 28, FROM WALMER:
"I feel safe because there is no crime."

GEORGE, 29, FROM CENTRAL:

"Security wise everything is fine. So I feel 100 percent safe."



TRACY, 43, FROM RICHMOND HILL:
"I don't feel safe, there are a lot of pubs and people that go there and take drugs and alcohol."

MAWETHU BEIL, 27, FROM HUMEWOOD:

"There is crime, but not too much. I feel safe, but not 100 percent."



UMAR, 19, HUMEWOOD:
"I feel safe in my community because the police is around."

THEMBI DUBE, 43, FROM SUMMERSTRAND:

"I feel safe, because it is quiet and there are not too much people. It is peaceful and crime free."



SIYAMTHANDA, 14, FROM KWAMAGXAKI:
"I feel safe because there are police officers who are always in the community."



AVIWE NDOLHE, 14, FROM ROWALLAN PARK:
"I feel safe because there is not too much crime in the community."



NELI BOSWELL, 45, FROM HEATH PARK:
"I do not feel safe because of crime in our area. The only protection that we have in my community is AIDT and our dogs."

EVEN IF YOU FEEL SAFE IN YOUR AREA, YOU SHOULD ALWAYS BE AWARE OF WHAT IS AROUND YOU AND TRY THE FOLLOWING:

- Getting to know your environment
- Getting to know your neighbours
- Finding out which areas are actually safe by speaking to people in the area or the police

By



SINETHEMBA TUSWA

WE ARE THE "YOUTH FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES" [YSC]!



We like to **encourage** youth to recognise their potential role in **creating safer communities**.

We **give youth a platform** to voice ideas on how to make their communities a lot safer than they currently are.

YOUTH FOR SAFER COMMUNITIES: WHAT HAPPENED SO FAR...

ABOUT THE YSC-PROJECT:

The drivers of this project are Masifunde's current grade 10, 11 and 12 learners, who run in total 40 workshops for grade 10 learners in 25 schools around the Nelson Mandela Bay Northern areas, suburbs and townships.

Check out our website: wwysc.co.za

WHAT YOU GET WITH THIS MAGAZINE:

A video documentary about local heroes in Nelson Mandela Bay and a video clip with the song "I can make a difference" produced by VuDu & Geniuses feat. Masifunde Choir.

LISTEN AND WATCH IT!



Research: What causes crime & violence?

TERM 4 - 2012



Summer Camp: Consolidation of research and Song development



Field research: Get an overview of the areas in Nelson Mandela Bay



What makes a good facilitator? Facilitation Training



VuDu, Geniuses, Masifunde Choir: Song rehearsals



Walmer's Own interviews local heroes



"I can make a difference!" Song recording



First workshops at Walmer High

HERE WE ARE: Ready for the workshops at high schools around Nelson Mandela Bay



...and now it is your turn!

WHAT COMES NEXT?

See you at the Youth Conference (Term 4 2013)

Dialogue processes with stakeholders of Nelson Mandela Metro (2014)

LOCAL HERO

A local hero is a community's superman. A local hero gives back to the community. They do not necessarily have to donate tangible things. They can give intangible things such as motivation, aspiration and inspiration. They do all of the above without expecting something in return. They truly deserve a round of applause.



SOCCER FOR SAFETY

Local hero Thando Magenuka lives in Walmer Township, a disadvantaged area where there are a lot of things that affect young people such as a high unemployment rate, poverty, drug and alcohol abuse, a lack of safe community spaces and extra mural activities.

Living in such an area, Thando was once a child, he did mistakes but he learned from them. Today he is a believer. He believes in uniting his soccer team to do the right thing.

He works for a charity organisation called Zanethemba. A place of safety which caters for about 15 kids which are abandoned, neglected and abused. He is a secretary of a local soccer team, known as the Morning Stars. „Soccer plays a huge role in distancing the youth from crime. Respect is the most important key in soccer, in fact it is the most important key in every sport“, said the successful and determined Thando Magenuka. „Controlling a soccer ball is not easy but it has its own challenges, but I can tackle every challenge that comes my way“. Thando may not realize this, however he is contributing to making Walmer a safer

and a better place to be. He is giving kids something to do after school and sometimes on weekends as well. Imagine if his kids were not part of his soccer team, they might end up engaging in criminal or violent behavior.

He has once experienced a problem where one of his players was accused of theft, but he never took sides he just decided to isolate the boy from the others. Thando believes that just being involved in a club or a hobby has made a difference in many of the soccer players lives because it not only improves their soccer skills but they also grow personally.



LOCAL HERO

OUR HERO OF DRAMA

Name: Nicolene Louw

Age: 23

Lives in: Lorraine

My Profession:

Drama classes for grade 10 at Keystone College and Masifunde group, Born Free, writer for edu-puppets for children, studied psychology, philosophy, literature and drama and worked for stage world.

My Inspiration:

Writer Athol Fugard and my best friend who is an artist. What I love about my job is: When the young learners are excited and curious and want to learn more. Drama is a reflection of life, they can see their life through different eyes.

How I started with drama:

I had a problem with being social, my mom had the idea of sending me to a drama class. I got interested especially in the creative side of drama.

How drama can create safer spaces:

We not only activate our youth, we also show them the consequences of crime with the different characters.

What you need to start a drama class:

You don't need a big stage or expensive lightshows, the only thing that is important is the relationship between actor and audience. You even can do drama on the grass or on the street.

My message to the youth:

It doesn't matter where you start, you need to think about where you like to end up. You will always get there.



BEATRICE KARIUKI

FEELING SAFE



There are some places where we feel very safe like at home where we have our family to look after us, in school because the school gate is always closed and teachers care about your safety, in the library, in our own street because we know our neighbours and can knock at their door any time for help.

What about the times when we don't feel safe. Have you ever had a time when you wanted to collect a homework question from your friend who lives down the road from you? Your parents were not home so you could only use your bike or walk. The streets are not that well lit at night so it is difficult to see and sometimes the bushes make weird sounds. Did you go to your friend's house to collect the question or just give them a call or wait for your parents to come home?

You might even have a beautiful park just outside your house and you would like to take your little cousin there to play on the swing while you read a book, would you go there without adult supervision, do you feel safe alone?

There are situations where you may feel safe or unsafe as a young person. There are things that you choose not to do because you feel unsafe.

How do you make yourself feel safer in these areas, what can you do as a young person to improve your safety?

Discuss this in our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/youthforsafercommunities



HOW TO FEEL SAFE

- Try to stay in places where there is security
- Stay alert and tuned into your surroundings, wherever you are.
- Stand tall and walk confidently
- Trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave quickly
- Learn about the local dangers in every community that you visit
- Don't accept lifts from strangers
- Do not walk at night alone, especially in dark streets
- Contact the police immediately after a crime
- Do not walk alone, walk in groups
- Always tell someone where you are going
- When you are going somewhere, always come back in time before it gets dark
- Don't talk to strangers
- Avoid areas where criminals hang out
- Get involved in school activities that will keep you busy
- Know your home address, telephone number and your parents first and last name
- Don't open the door for strangers

ALWAYS KEEP EMERGENCY NUMBERS HANDY:

10 111 for the police
414 530 441 for Child line
08600 10111 for SAPS Crime Stop
0800 111 213 for Child Protection
0861 322 322 for National Counseling



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Sometimes you may feel unsafe in your neighbourhood. Maybe it's because you don't know your neighbours or you don't have enough lighting in your street at night. It could also be because there are no police patrolling the area or strangers walking around. With the help of parents and older people in the community, it's possible to start a neighbourhood watch. Richmond Hill neighbourhood watch run by the community with Amanda Wellmann as chairperson are normal people like you and me who live in Richmond Hill. They always wished that someone could do something about the crime in their area until they realised that 'someone' was them. Now, because of the hard work of their group many people in that community feel safer, the streets are cleaner and there is less crime.

A neighbourhood watch is an organised group of people from the same neighbourhood devoted to crime and vandalism prevention within their community. It is a type of crime prevention and community safety programme for urban areas.

Richmond Hill Neighbourhood Watch or Sector Crime Forum started out as a small group during 2008 but in time it grew as more residents became involved. The community saw the need for their own patrol vehicle and started the 'bakkie fund' project and after two years they had enough money to buy a small vehicle. The community also realised that in order to combat crime they would also have to take responsibility for the cleanliness of the neighbourhood. They identified a local resident, paid for security accreditation and now employ Robert as a community coordinator. His responsibilities include removal of rubbish from

the streets, pruning of trees, removal of bushes and to also keep his eyes open and report crime related issues.

The aim of the Richmond Hill neighbourhood watch is to work hand in hand with the police, to be the eyes of the police. "You don't have to be aggressive to reduce crime" Amanda said. "We are not police officers and we make sure we stay out of danger by never approaching anyone, we just contact the police".

They have also found more creative ways of reducing crime, "Weekly, we clean up the neighbourhood because you will see that the cleaner the neighbourhood, the less crime you will have". The community takes turns to ensure that the streets are clear of black bags because often thieves use these black bags to store stolen things. The community is also encouraged to only leave their rubbish out on selected days or they are given a fine.

Since the start of the Richmond Hill neighbourhood watch, Richmond Hill has seen a dramatic reduction in crime, drug related activity, prostitution and petty crime.



TIPS FROM THE RICHMOND HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

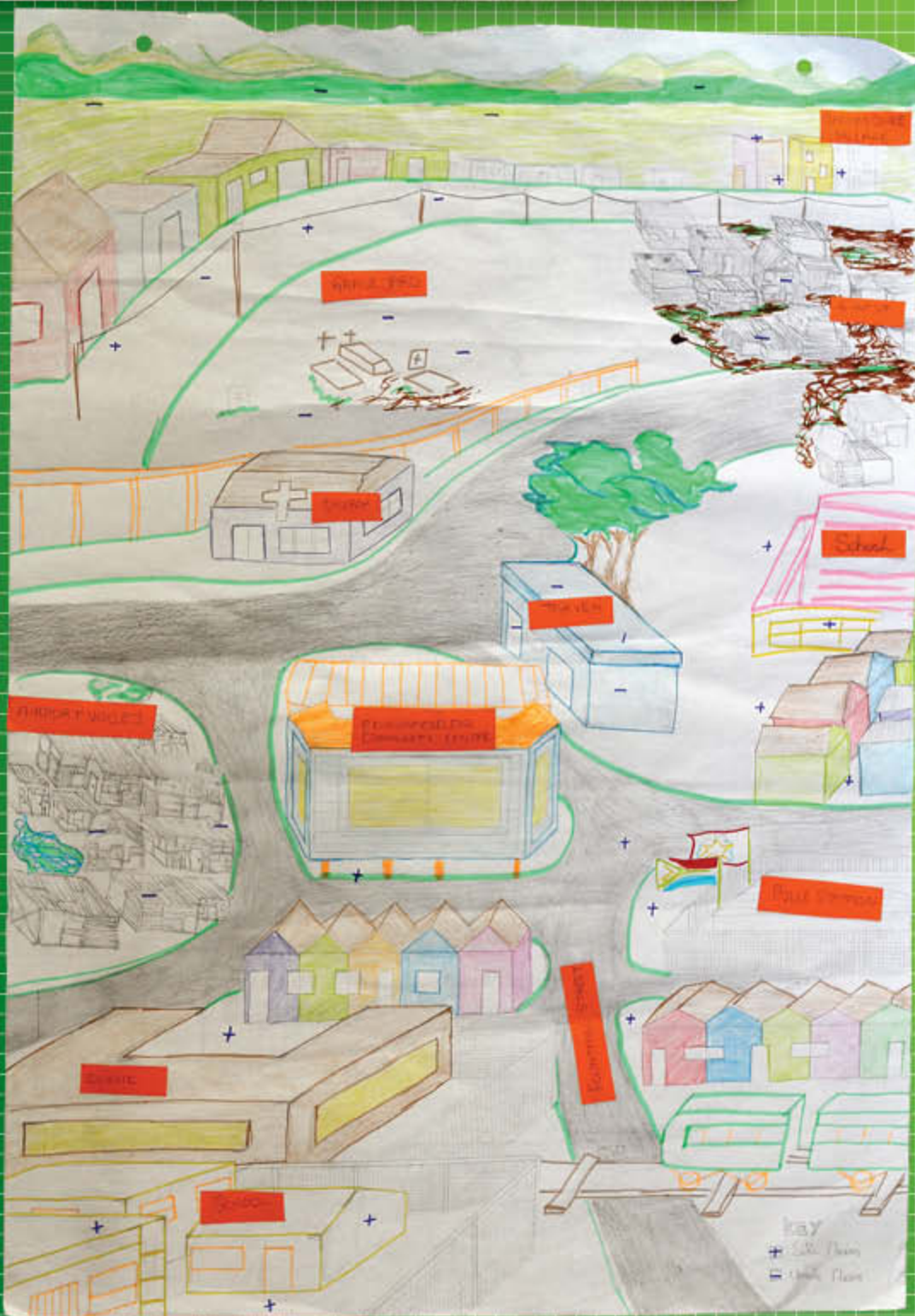
- Get an adult to contact your local Police station to register a neighbourhood watch.
- Only adults over the age of 18 should patrol the neighbourhood.
- Start a community forum on Facebook to communicate with one another. This can be for all ages.
- Organise neighbourhood clean ups so that your streets are clear of rubbish and black bags. Ask your friends to help you with this.
- Inform the neighbourhood on which days they can leave their trash outside to be collected. You can find this out from the municipality.
- Have a community cell phone that can make rounds in the neighbourhood so that each person on duty can receive emergency calls and forward them to the Police on 10 111
- Have emergency numbers handy to call the police.

DRAW YOUR OWN SAFETY MAP!

Instructions:

1. Draw a map of your area.
2. Mark a safe area with a plus and unsafe with a minus
3. Write down what you think could be done to make the unsafe areas safer.

See an example drawn by Xolisa Mose and Simo Shinga:

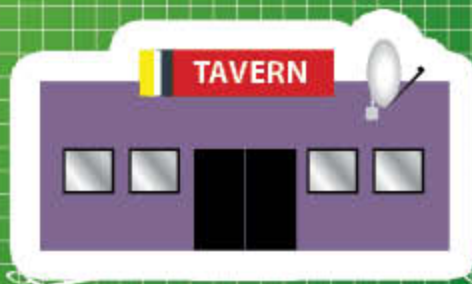
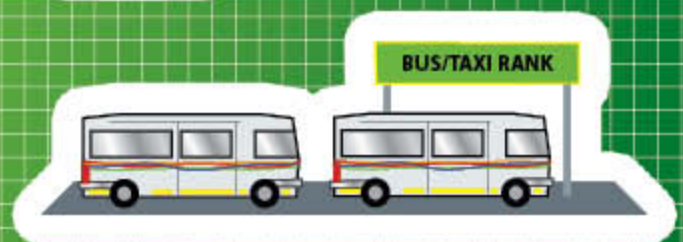
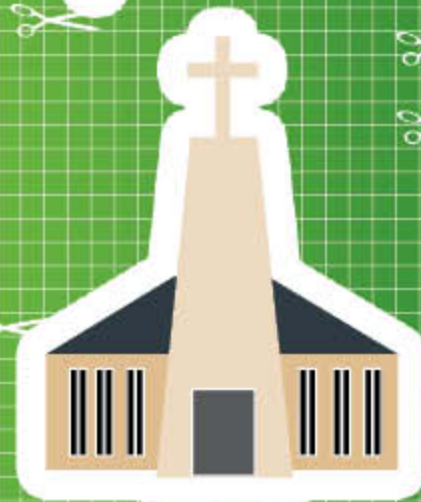
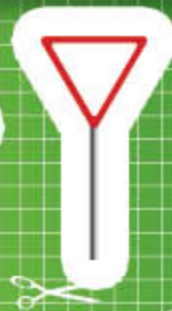


What can we do to make my area safer? Here is my Safety Vision:

- turn a dumpsite into a garden
- cut back the bushes
- close down street corners
- speak to the councillor to fix the street light

And now grab a pen and draw your own map!

**HERE ARE SOME CUT-OUTS TO
HELP YOU CREATE YOUR SAFETY MAP**



A Song for a SAFER TOMORROW

Music, a language that we all speak, a language that we can all understand. Our parents preach words but music preaches lyrics, with a certain rhythm that makes the youth motivated. It pushes us to do the right thing.

Everywhere there is music, which is where we enjoy ourselves. That is why the Masifunde Choir, VuDu and Geniuses did a collaboration inspiring the youth to do the right thing.

This song is inspiring the youth to follow their hearts, it encourages us to be who we are, to believe in ourselves.

About the bands

VuDu

VuDu is an urban fusion band from Port Elizabeth. The 4 piece band consists of drummer, Kristo Zondagh, vocalist, Sisanda Myataza, pianist, Wesley Keet and bass guitarist Grant Alison. The VuDu sound is a fusion of traditional and African jazz with urban contemporary genres. They perform at corporate and private functions as well as clubs and festivals.

The Geniuses

The Geniuses is a hip hop crew which consists of three talented musicians from Walmer Township: Amza, Luno and Rhenqe. They have been around for quite some time. These talented mc's mix different types of music, i.e. RnB and soulful sounds to their deep and sometimes upbeat Hip Hop. They specialize in live performances, freestyle and battling.

Masifunde Choir

The Masifunde choir was started in 2010. It gives young people in Walmer Township the opportunity to express their feelings through music. They usually perform at some of the Masifunde events and around Port Elizabeth. The choir has about 50 members.



BANATHI ADAMS

Music affects many people

Music can take youth at risk off the street, turn them away from a life of crime and give them positive role models. Music offers them a healthy, more positive alternative. People who decide to do music instead of crime can follow the career of doing music so that they can express themselves. What they express affects many listeners and followers. The listeners can find it interesting because it is their taste of music, the lyrics are understandable and funky. "It is easier to listen to music rather than someone preaching or reading about crime" says Luno from Walmer's Hip-hop band The Geniuses. You can listen and dance to the music you love and you can learn from it. By the music musicians like VuDu, Geniuses and the Masifunde choir want the listeners to feel inspired and stop people who are crime doers. So youth, your voice can make a difference and it will affect many people. You will get to understand the song that these three groups are singing for the community.



CHUMA NANGU



I can make a difference

Music: VuDu, Geniuses, and Masifunde Choir
Lyrics: Sisanda Myataza, and Geniuses

I believe that I can make a difference
It starts with you and me, a social coherence
I have the power to restore dignity to my society
You and I, You and I
Masikumbisane

I look around walking through the streets I feel
despondent
All this crime and violence.
I wanna know what I can do to help cause I can't
stand to see this brutal scene.

Nditho ndibona amehlo ndibona igazi liphahla
Nditho ndibonakalisa
ndibona i-crime idlala ngathi
Kuyozo kubo nini na, kuyozo kubo nini x2
Kuyozo kubo nini na kubo nini na.

I believe that I can make a difference
It starts with you and me, a social coherence
I have the power to restore dignity to my society
You and I, You and I
Masikumbisane

I believe, what you and me can do is this.
Break the crime cycle into world peace.
So we can live in safer communities.
So that future generations can also do exist
'cause sons have lost fathers and daughters have lost
mothers.
Sisters have lost mothers we've all lost each other.
It's time that we find ourselves through the ashes.
So we can come together to rebuild nations.

Sokuma sokuma mhlali saphela noko umbulali
Now it's about time siphakameni silweni
Crime emphakadini ngumceli mngeni
Isolo indla kameza iqokezwe umakono wazive
ukule wethu ulwengulwe esikhweni lifrags
zithengiswe
Kwanelo kwanelo noko kubela sibukele
Masiphakameni simanyaneni ukaze le crime iphele X2
I believe that I can make a difference
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You and I, You and I
Masikumbisane

I know I can Make a difference
I know I can Make a difference
I know I can Make a difference
I know I can Make a difference

I believe that I can make a difference
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Masikumbisane
I believe



Changing our lives by a song

The Song "I can make a difference" consists of verses which encourage the youth to take a stand. These lyrics include lines like "It starts with you and me". The lyrics ignite the youth to fight against crime. They are basically doing their part by fighting crime through music. If you can not sing, you can dance, act, write poems or be a motivational speaker. You can even start your own group whether it is a drama, or a music group, but you can start something that will change other peoples lives and their lifestyles.

By



ZANELE LAMANI

LOCAL HERO

MOTHERWELL'S OWN HERO

17 year old Nhlanhla Mtanase, a grade 11 pupil at James Jolobe High school is Motherwell's local hero. He is part of a school group named the Jam Bam club. The group focuses on putting a stop to all negative things happening in their school. Jam Bam is always on the lookout for negative things at the school and if they find any they report them to the school authorities. He does face difficulties such as being called a "snitch" though. Through it all he still perseveres.

Wednesday, 11 am, breaktime at James Jolobe High School: Nhlanhla starts a Jam Bam session where they discuss the current problems they have discovered.

On top of everything he is a radio presenter. His show is called "live wire". "We try by all means to tackle youth-related topics", said Nhlanhla. "Within our group we have different roles we play for the functioning of the show." There are researchers, technicians and of course presenters!

Let us look at what happens before during and after a show!

By



SANELISIWE DICK

By



HLOMBEKEZI
BREAKFAST

1 Friday after school: Nhlanhla researches for the next show.



2 Saturday, 7.30 am in Zwide: Nhlanhla opens the studios of KQ FM. 30 Minutes until the show starts. "If they can do it, so can you!"

3 Nhlanhla reads the latest news before he goes on air.



4 8 am, Silence please! Nhlanhla speaks in the microphone "You are listening to Live Wire!" and the show goes on.



5 Nhlanhla is not alone! For "Live Wire" he works together with a team of young motivated high school students.



This shows that nothing is impossible if you put your mind to it.



Eldon Smith is a young man who is passionate about life, church, his community and soccer. He gives back to the community in more ways than one. Eldon was born in Gelvendale in 1993. In 2012 he even got an opportunity to play soccer for a big team called "Bay Stars". At church he multitasks. Sometimes he helps with the camerawork and sometimes he helps with the church's sound systems.



they facilitate. "Do not only love yourself, but your brother" is one of his sayings. He believes that "we always need to make a difference in people's lives." He also says that change is difficult because it takes time. "Do good because you want to, not because you want to get praises" he also stated. In conclusion, Eldon said that for change to happen, we need to start somewhere.

"Do good because you want to, not because you want to get praise"

people's lives, not just physically, but mentally and spiritually", said Eldon.

For the programme, children are chosen according to their

problems. Three to four facilitators go to each school. When they get there they speak one on one with a child. They assist them in any way possible. The facilitators become mentors to the children



MY PERFECT UTOPIA 2030

What a beautiful day! The sun is shining through my open window and tickles me in my nose. No bars at my window, I can look through our garden all the way to our neighbour – no walls with barbed wire, but some lovely flowers separate our plots.

There's my bicycle, lying outside in the garden, like every night. Most of the mornings I walk to school, but today I take my bike. I ride past my neighbours: Family Potgieter just moved in last week and we were all helping them to settle in nicely. I see Mrs. Naidoo rushing to work and Mr Noqoli is driving off in his new Audi. I like that he parks his cars outside his property on the street – they shine nicely in the sun. He tells me that some decades ago people locked the doors when they were inside their cars. That time is long gone. Even at night we do not have to be worried at stop signs and red robots.

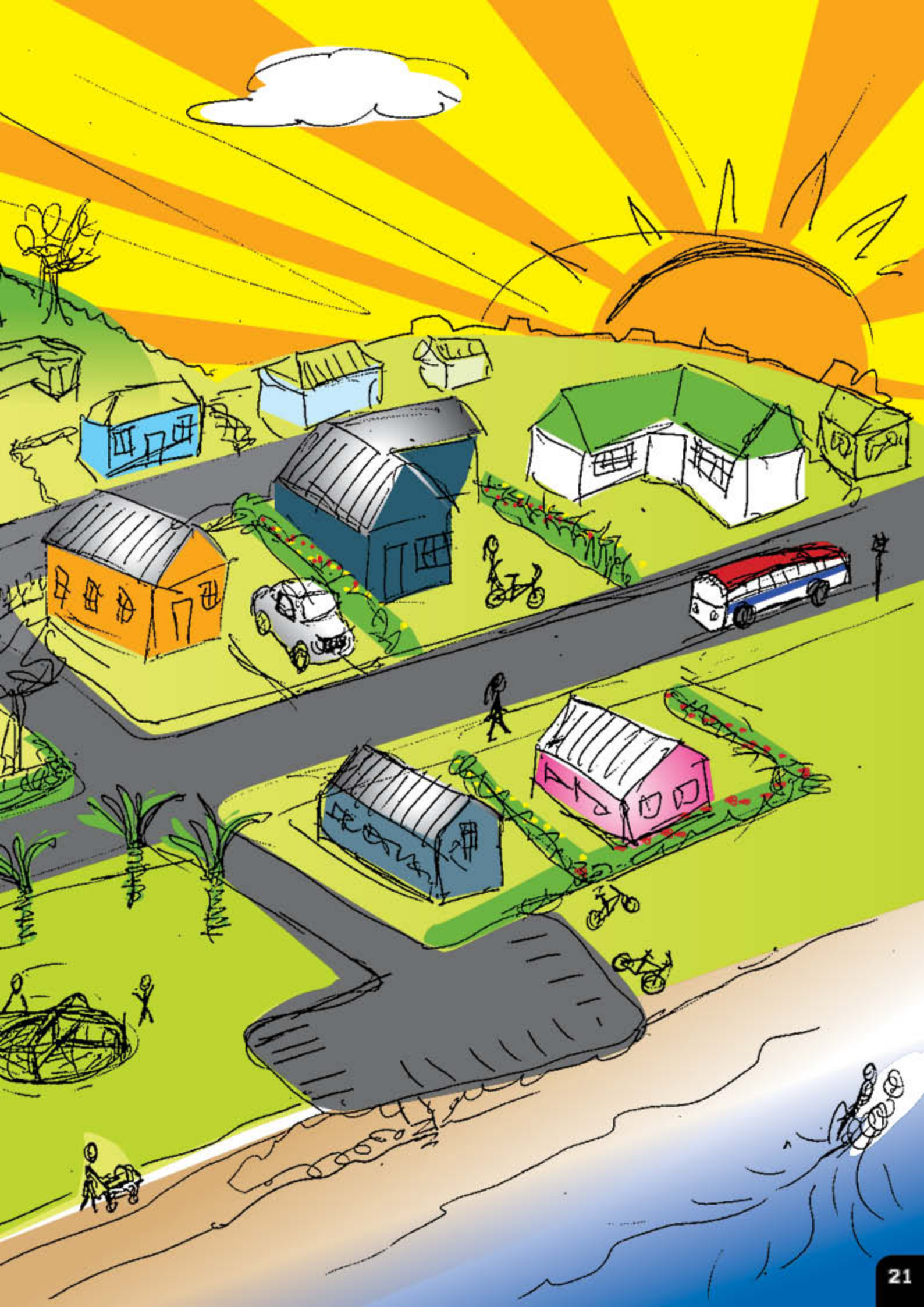
My neighbourhood is great, at any time of the day and night I can walk freely and safely and I know my neighbours are there to help each other. Strangers are not to be worried about because people in my city are generally very friendly and not dangerous people at all – sometimes we do not even lock our door at night!

I pass my sister, she's 19 and likes to dress up. I love the fact that she doesn't have to worry about guys throwing stupid comments at her, being harassed or even being raped. Girls are in our neighbourhood just as safe as everybody else – regardless how they dress.

Finally I reach my school. I park my bike outside. I can be sure that it will still be there when school's over. After school we'll do homework and play at the beach.

And then we'll take the bus home to our beautiful neighbourhood. I live in Walmer, my grandma says, it was called "Walmer Township" in the past, but today there is only one Walmer.





PLEDGE

In my 2030 Utopia of I will walk around and see a world that is safe, united and violence free

To make my area safe by 2030 I pledge to: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

 CUT THIS OUT AND STICK IT ON THE WALL 

PLEDGE FOR A FRIEND

In my 2030 Utopia of I will walk around and see a world that is safe, united and violence free

To make my area safe by 2030 I pledge to: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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LEARNER DEVELOPMENT

Dear Readers!

We hope you have enjoyed reading the "Youth for Safer Communities" magazine and are motivated to look for ways how you can play your role in creating an even nicer, better and safer Mandela Bay!

But before you go ahead, we'd like to introduce ourselves to you.

We, Masifunde Learner Development, are a young, fast growing organization working with the youth of Walmer Township. Currently, we are able to offer our programs to over 200 learners. They take part in our life skill training – called "Learn4Life!" – and they may choose whether they want to explore and build their talents in afternoon activities, such as computers, filming, writing, swimming, arts, music or drama. If you are part of Masifunde you can grow in many ways and lay a foundation to have a bright future. But joining Masifunde is not only about growing personally; it is also about helping others to grow. And by doing so

all of us – our learners as much as our team, funders and supporters – hope to contribute a little bit to develop an even better society.

That's why our learners decided to run workshops about community safety in high schools all over the Mandela Bay. They believe that they should not lean back and wait for someone else to change the situation – instead they know: All of us must stand up, take action and take over responsibility for our own lives as well as for the lives of our families, friends and communities.

The Masifunde learners take over responsibility by sharing everything which they learn in the "Learn4Life!" program with their peers. You might see them in schools, in community centres and on the streets. They run workshops, do presentations or plays, speak on the radio, organize events or hand out flyers. Some of our learners even have their own documentary on Bay TV, and others publish the youth magazine called

Walmer's Own – which you are reading right now.

We are sure that if the youth from Walmer Township can make a difference – you can make a difference too!

And we strongly believe that every single one of you can achieve his or her personal dreams – if you are only passionate and disciplined and if you start working for it already today! And by reaching your goals you will make a huge difference in our society and become what we call a change-maker and a local hero!

We wish all of you a lot of success with all your plans and dreams!

Your Masifunde Team



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