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CEO's Note

Welcome to the 8th Edition of The Amplifier, our flagship platform for amplifying the voices, stories, creativity, and resilience of young people across Kenya. Through each edition, we inform, inspire, and connect, celebrating youth-led solutions and their contribution to national development.

This edition looks ahead to National Youth Week and International Youth Day 2026 on 12th August. These moments are powerful platforms for young people to shape conversations, influence policy, showcase innovation, and drive local action with lasting impact.

Building on recent gains in skills development and programmes such as the ongoing Google Hustle Academy training on AI, this period offers a chance to accelerate progress on employment, entrepreneurship, wellbeing, and inclusive governance. Kenya's youth remain our greatest asset.

Despite challenges, you continue to innovate, organise, and demand meaningful space. National Youth Week and International Youth Day give us the opportunity to turn that energy into coordinated impact.

At the National Youth Council, we remain committed to creating the enabling environment for this participation. I invite every young person, organisation, and partner to fully engage with us register, participate, share your solutions, and help shape the outcomes.

Together, let us amplify action.
Together, let us amplify opportunity.
Together, let us amplify the future.

Gloria Wawira

Ag. CEO National Youth Council

Youth Leadership and Governance Shaping the Future of Northern Kenya



Leadership and governance in Kenya are increasingly being shaped by the energy, ideas, and aspirations of young people. As the country continues to strengthen its democratic institutions, youth participation must go beyond voting to include active involvement in policy discussions, civic engagement, and community leadership. Young people are not only the leaders of tomorrow, but also partners in building Kenya today.

In Northern Kenya, however, youth and students have often faced limited opportunities to participate in decision-making despite making up a significant portion of the population.

This inspired me to establish the Garissa County Students and Youths Association (GACOSYA) in 2024, a youth-led platform that unites students and young people across Garissa County to champion leadership, governance, education, and community development.

Since its formation, GACOSYA has reached more than 3,000 young people through civic education, leadership training, mentorship programmes, peace dialogues, and capacity-building initiatives. The association has also advocated for students' welfare and greater youth representation in governance, ensuring that young voices are included in conversations that shape their future.

A key milestone has been the Garissa Youth Summit 2025, which brought together government institutions, development partners, civil society, the private sector, and community leaders. The summit promoted intergenerational dialogue, enabling young people to engage directly with experienced leaders, exchange ideas, and develop practical solutions to challenges facing the region.

My journey has taught me that inclusive leadership begins by creating opportunities for others. By investing in young people, strengthening their capacities, and giving them a seat at the table, Northern Kenya is building a generation of responsible leaders committed to peace, accountability, and sustainable development.

Hamza Abdi Mahat

1. International Youth Fellowship (IYF) Kenya

International Youth Fellowship (IYF) Kenya is a registered youth-serving organization committed to equipping young people with practical skills, positive mindsets, and leadership values for sustainable socio-economic development. Through our flagship Free Weekend Academy, youth receive free training in over 50 market-driven courses, including Digital Marketing, Graphics & Design, Video Editing, TV & News Production, Computer Programming, Electrical Installation, Carpentry, Beauty & Hairdressing, Fashion & Design, and Computer Packages.

To further strengthen innovation and the digital economy, IYF established the GBS TV Media Academy, where young people gain hands-on experience in camera operations, broadcasting, digital media, and content production, while internship opportunities bridge training with industry. In addition, the Construction Academy equips youth with practical construction skills that support housing and settlement initiatives.



By combining technical training with character development, IYF empowers young people to become job creators, innovators, and responsible leaders who positively impact their communities.

Impact in Numbers

- 675,000+ youth trained through the Free Weekend Academy over the last 15 years.
- 45,000+ youth trained annually.
- 50+ free market-relevant courses offered.
- Programs include Digital Media, TV & News Production, Graphics & Design, Computer Programming, Digital Marketing, Construction Skills, Entrepreneurship, and Mind Education.
- Operations in 60 branches across Kenya and part of a global network operating in 105 countries.

2. Wasini Waste Free'23 Initiative

Wasini Waste Free'23 Initiative is a community-led social enterprise based on Wasini Island, Kwale County, dedicated to tackling plastic waste pollution while empowering young people and local communities through skills development, innovation, creativity, and sustainable environmental practices.

The initiative mobilizes community members and youth to participate in waste collection, sorting, recycling, and beach clean-up activities. Through practical engagement, young people gain skills in waste management, environmental conservation, teamwork, entrepreneurship, and the circular economy.

We encourage the collection and proper sorting of recyclable materials, particularly PET bottles and other plastics, creating opportunities for income generation while improving the cleanliness of the island and surrounding marine environment.



Impact in Numbers

- 4 permanent livelihood opportunities created through the initiative.
- 1,000 kg (1 tonne) of recyclable waste can be collected in a week through community efforts.
- 5 tonnes of recyclable waste targeted for collection and removal from Wasini Island to the mainland for recycling.
- 4+ key community and development partners/stakeholders engaged or connected to support the initiative.
- Youth and community members engaged in beach clean-ups, waste collection, sorting, and environmental awareness activities.



3. Creative Community Association (CCA)

The Creative Community Association (CCA) is a registered association committed to transforming talent into opportunity by empowering young creatives with skills, mentorship, leadership, and pathways to sustainable livelihoods.

We believe that creativity is more than entertainment it is a powerful driver of economic empowerment, innovation, social cohesion, and community development.

Through our programmes, we identify, mentor, and connect young people in dance, music, acting, photography, videography, fashion, modelling, digital content creation, and other creative industries with opportunities to grow their talents into careers and enterprises.

CCA works closely with schools, communities, youth groups, and development partners to provide mentorship, talent showcases, leadership development, networking opportunities, and entrepreneurship support.



Impact in Numbers

- 70+ registered creatives from multiple counties.
- Over 10,000 young people reached through mentorship, talent development, performances, and community outreach.
- Partnerships with schools, youth organizations, and community stakeholders.
- A registered national platform dedicated to strengthening Kenya's creative economy.

4. Life Mtaani Community

Life Mtaani Community is a youth-led CBO based in Mathare, Nairobi, committed to empowering young people through practical skills, talent nurturing, creativity, and innovation. We equip youth with media and film production skills, digital literacy, tailoring and fashion design, life skills, mentorship, entrepreneurship, environmental conservation, and gender equality awareness. Through our programmes, young people gain confidence, develop marketable skills, and transform their ideas into solutions that serve the community.

We also use creativity as a tool for social change by supporting youth in storytelling, photography, acting, and community media, while our environmental activities engage them in tree planting, clean-ups, and climate action.

Life Mtaani Community remains committed to building a generation of skilled, creative, and innovative young people who can create sustainable change in their communities.



Impact in Numbers

- Over 100 young people reached through skills training, mentorship, and leadership development.
- 30 women trained in tailoring and vocational skills.
- Youth engaged in community environmental activities, including tree planting and clean-up initiatives.
- Youth-led media and creative activities addressing education, drug abuse, gender equality, and climate awareness.

5. Wasanii Hub

Wasanii Hub is a community-led creative collective based in Dandora, Nairobi, dedicated to empowering young people through art, mentorship, and community transformation. We provide free and affordable art mentorship programmes that equip youth with practical skills in painting, mural creation, drawing, and creative entrepreneurship, enabling them to develop talent and pursue sustainable livelihoods in the creative industry.

We engage children and young people through regular art workshops that nurture creativity, build confidence, and offer positive alternatives to crime, substance abuse, and other social challenges. Beyond skills development, we transform neglected public spaces across Dandora into vibrant murals that inspire community pride and communicate messages of hope.

Our advocacy murals address key social and environmental issues including climate action, gender equality, mental health, civic participation and social justice. We also collaborate with organizations, schools, and community groups to facilitate participatory art sessions during events such as World Environment Day, Earth Day, and other awareness campaigns, using creativity to educate and engage communities.

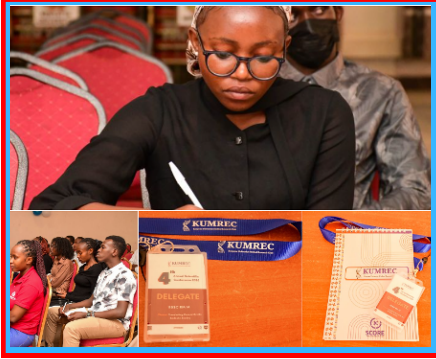
Through these initiatives, Wasanii Hub continues to harness the power of art to develop youth talent, strengthen community identity, promote innovation, and create opportunities for meaningful social impact.



Impact in Numbers

- Over 30 youth and children reached through art mentorship and creative workshops.
- More than 20 public murals completed across Dandora and other communities.
- Partnerships with schools, community organizations, and NGOs to deliver arts-based advocacy and public engagement programmes.
- Hundreds of community members engaged through participatory art activities and awareness campaigns.

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY



The 4th Kenyatta University Medical Research Club (KUMREC) Annual Scientific Conference successfully took place on Saturday, 18th July 2026, at the Kenyatta University Teaching, Referral & Research Hospital (KUTRRH). Under the theme "Evidence into Action - Translating Research into Bedside Reality," the premier event gathered STEM students, health sciences scholars, and veteran healthcare professionals.

The forum served as a dynamic platform for student-led scientific presentations, emphasizing the critical need to bridge the gap between academic lab findings and practical clinical applications.

Keynote addresses inspired the next generation of innovators to actively participate in clinical trials and medical advancements.

A major highlight of the conference was the active engagement of the Young Researchers Academy, which hosted panels dedicated to empowering medical students to tackle pressing public health challenges. Attendees engaged in vibrant discussions surrounding mentorship, ethical research practices, and local healthcare innovations.

The event concluded with a strong call to action for continued institutional support for youth-driven medical research, paving the way for future breakthrough solutions in Kenya's healthcare



TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA



The higher education community was united in grief this month following the untimely passing of Elvis Otieno a well-known former student union president from a coastal technical university.

Public tributes described him as a good man whose contributions to regional politics, grassroots mobilization, and community leadership had left a lasting mark, with many noting that that part of Mombasa politics and community leadership would never be the same without him.

Condolences poured in from across social media, with fellow students and youth leaders reflecting on the loss as more than personal, many described it as a loss to the entire student movement and to Mombasa at large.

Comrades recalled him as a dedicated and spirited leader whose absence would be deeply felt on campus and beyond, with many offering prayers and well-wishes for his family and loved ones during this difficult time. His passing serves as a poignant reminder of the vibrant, often selfless work student leaders contribute to their institutions and communities.





Keep checking our official social media pages everyday at 4.00 pm, as we will always update the pages with at least four (4) Job opportunities, as well as scholarship opportunities.



MASTERCARD FOUNDATION SCHOLARS PROGRAM MCGILL UNIVERSITY - CANADA

I. PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at McGill University provides fully funded master's scholarships to academically talented and community-driven students from Sub-Saharan Africa. The program equips future leaders with world-class education, leadership development, and the skills needed to create meaningful change in their communities.

II. WHO CAN APPLY?

Applicants must:

- Be a citizen or permanent resident of a Sub-Saharan African country.
- Demonstrate strong academic achievement.
- Show financial need.
- Have a commitment to leadership, community service, and social impact.
- Intend to return to their home country after completing their studies.

III. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To qualify, applicants should:

- Hold a bachelor's degree that meets McGill University's admission requirements.
- Apply for an eligible full-time master's program at McGill University.
- Meet the English language requirements (where applicable).
- Demonstrate leadership potential and a desire to contribute to community development.

IV. SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS

Successful applicants will receive:

- Full tuition coverage.
- Monthly living allowance.
- Accommodation support.
- Round-trip airfare.
- Study permit and immigration assistance.
- Health insurance.
- Academic and leadership development support.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

21 August 2026

APPLICATION LINK

The official application link is available in the description

Fully Funded Master's Scholarship Opportunity – McGill University, Canada



Youth Serving Organisation (YSO)

Did you know registering your Youth Serving Organisation (YSO) with NYC unlocks official recognition, networks, and exclusive programme access?

YSO registration gives your organisation official recognition, connects you to like-minded groups in your sector, and opens doors to NYC programmes, updates, partnerships, and funding opportunities. It strengthens the coordinated youth sector and amplifies your impact.

Don't wait! Register free today at nationalyouthcouncil.go.ke/yso/ and join the network!

National Youth Week and International Youth Day 2026

Did you know National Youth Week and International Youth Day 2026 are key platforms for young people to lead, innovate, and influence national conversations?

These celebrations (leading up to 12th August) spotlight youth-driven action in governance, skills, entrepreneurship, climate, and wellbeing. NYC partners with the Ministry and stakeholders to create spaces for dialogue, showcases, and meaningful participation.

Ready to take part and shape the outcomes?

Follow NYC channels for event details, register where required, and amplify your voice this Youth Week!

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