



NATIONAL YOUTH
COUNCIL KENYA
Amplifying the Youth Voice

9TH EDITION AUGUST 2026

THE AMPLIFIER





NATIONAL YOUTH
COUNCIL KENYA
Amplifying the Youth Voice

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1

FEATURED ARTICLE

2

YOUTH-SERVING ORGANIZATIONS

3

VOICES FROM CAMPUS

4

OPPORTUNITY RADAR

5

ASK NYC

+254-20 2013920



INFO@NATIONALYOUTHOUNCIL.GO.KE



ABSA TOWERS . 12TH FLOOR NAIROBI





CEO's Note

Gloria Wawira

Ag. CEO National Youth Council

The Amplifier exists to capture that spirit. It is a platform where voices are amplified, creativity is celebrated and practical solutions are shared. Each edition seeks to inform, inspire and connect young people by highlighting their work, speaking to the issues that affect their lives and pointing them toward opportunities that strengthen national development.

This edition looks ahead to a moment many young Kenyans have awaited for more than a decade. The National Youth Council Elections 2026 will take place from 9th to 30th October 2026. Ward elections begin on 9th October, constituency elections follow on 16th October, and the National Youth Congress elections close the process on 30th October.

After fourteen years without an elected Council, this cycle offers a historic chance to restore NYC as the official voice of the youth and as a living platform for representation, leadership and participation in national elections belong to a generation, not to a handful of contestants. Young people are partners in building Kenya today, not only the leaders of tomorrow. When you register, when you offer yourself for office, when you turn out to vote and when you insist on a peaceful and transparent process, you help decide who will speak for youth on jobs, skills, health, climate and governance.

Preparations are already underway. Eligible young Kenyans can use the elections the elections.nykenya.go.ke to register as voters and to submit nominations. County and national officers are rolling out voter education so that information reaches young people where they live and study.

elections.nyckenya.go.ke

A young man and woman with dreadlocks are smiling and posing in front of a large Kenyan flag. The man is wearing a black t-shirt and a necklace with a small African map pendant. The woman is also wearing a black t-shirt and has her fist raised in a celebratory gesture.

NYC Voter Registration Elections

elections.nyckenya.go.ke

Voter
Registration **Continuous**



Stay
Informed!!



@NYC_youthvoice

Youth Leadership in Building a Better Kenya

I believe the future of Kenya depends on our willingness to give young people a meaningful opportunity to participate in shaping the country. Youth leadership should not be defined by positions or titles, but by the courage to confront challenges, unite communities and create lasting impact on opportunities for a better tomorrow.

As the Secretary General of the Baringo University and Colleges Students Association (BUCSA), I have witnessed the power of young people coming together despite their different ethnic and community backgrounds. BUCSA has provided a platform where every tribe is represented, demonstrating that our diversity can be a source of strength rather than division.

This experience has reinforced my conviction that young people can lead the fight against tribalism by choosing unity, dialogue and shared purpose. From Baringo to other parts of Kenya, we cannot ignore neglected developments, dilapidated schools and insecurity for instance cattle rustling. These challenges affect education, livelihoods and the dreams of young people. Our schools must receive greater investment, while communities must be supported to embrace peace and coexistence. I also believe that bringing young people together through sports, mentorship, education and community activities creates friendships that transcend tribal boundaries.

Our elders have invaluable experience, but they must also give young people genuine opportunities to lead, innovate and serve. We are not seeking to replace experience; we seek mentorship and partnership.

Kenya's future must be built by all generations, with young people given the confidence, space and responsibility to contribute.



James Lopeta
Secretary General, Baringo University
and Colleges Students Association

1. Be Your Best (BYB) Foundation

Be Your Best (BYB) Foundation is a youth-led movement empowering young people with the skills, networks and values they need to thrive, contribute positively to society and lead change in their communities. Our work combines mentorship, career development, life skills, mental well-being, technology, sustainability and green energy.

Through our Discovery Hub and Green Energy Hub, we create opportunities for young people to build confidence, develop practical skills, understand sustainability and actively participate in addressing challenges within their communities.

Our impact includes engaging over two hundred students through our Career workshop at Multimedia University and over 100 students through the Ushirika Girls month-long mentorship program. We have also brought together young sustainability leaders through our Sustainable Evangelist Movement.



Most recently, BYB celebrated Earth Day in Mombasa through a youth-led environmental action initiative involving mangrove planting and a beach clean-up. The activity sought to transform environmental awareness into action by encouraging young people to actively participate in protecting coastal ecosystems and nurturing a lasting spirit of environmentalism among the youth.



Impact

over 200 students reached through key mentorship, women empowerment, climate change dialogues and youth forums/activities, 11 young sustainability leaders engaged, and youth-led environmental action undertaken in Mombasa.

2. CLEO Foundation

CLEO Foundation implements community-based programs focused on youth empowerment and leadership, education and scholarships, digital skills, entrepreneurship and financial literacy, employability, creative arts and sports, women and young mothers' empowerment, mental health awareness, disability inclusion, and community development.

Through mentorship, skills training, education support, talent development, community outreach, feeding initiatives, children's support, and empowerment programs, CLEO Foundation is creating opportunities for individuals and communities to become more skilled, confident, self-reliant, and economically empowered.

Visit our website
cleofoundation.co.ke

Impact

- 500+ students reached through education, mentorship and empowerment initiatives.
- 15+ communities reached through community development and outreach interventions.
- 200+ volunteers engaged in supporting CLEO Foundation's programs and community impact.
- Youth: Empowered through leadership, skills development, mentorship, entrepreneurship and career readiness.
- Young Mothers: Supported through empowerment, mentorship and livelihood-focused initiatives.
- Children & Vulnerable Communities: Supported through education, feeding, mentorship and community interventions.



3. DICE Thrive Youth Network (DTYN)

AgriFuture is a youth-led initiative under DICE Thrive Youth Network (DTYN) that engages young people in urban farming, agriculture, agribusiness, food security, nutrition, sustainable livelihoods, and green entrepreneurship.

Through practical learning, mentorship, partnerships, and youth-led activities, the initiative supports young people to view agriculture as both a pathway to food security and an opportunity for entrepreneurship, employment, and community transformation.

Impact

- 120 young people reached
- 40 youth participating in AgriFuture
- 3 training/learning sessions conducted
- 2 communities engaged
- 55 youth connected to scholarship/training opportunities



4. SAMONE SHOE DESIGNER

This initiative equips young people with hands-on skills in shoe designing, cutting, stitching, finishing, and marketing, enabling them to develop sustainable livelihoods and participate meaningfully in the local economy.

Through the initiative, five young people have gained practical shoe-making skills. The programme focuses not only on technical production skills but also on marketing, helping participants understand how to turn their creativity and craftsmanship into viable income-generating opportunities.

The initiative currently produces approximately 170 pairs of shoes every month, demonstrating the potential of youth-led skills development to contribute to local production and economic empowerment. The training has also created pathways to employment: two participants have secured employment with a shoe-making organization, allowing them to apply their newly acquired skills in a professional environment while earning an income.



Impact

Our initiative has reached and positively impacted 16 people, including 5 individuals who have been directly supported. Through our shoe-making activities, 2 people have gained employment, creating opportunities for skills development and improved livelihoods. We have also engaged the surrounding community through partnerships and support to schools, an orphanage, and churches, providing comfortable shoes to those in need. Through these efforts, we continue to create positive social and economic impact by equipping young people with practical skills, supporting employment, and improving the well-being of community members.

5. Manyatta Nomads Talent Foundation

This Foundation is a volunteer-led youth foundation led By Kelvinr Wandala working in Waso Ward, Samburu East, to empower young people through mentorship, talent development, awareness, and environmental action. The Foundation has reached approximately 200 students through engagements with four schools in and around Archers Post and Sereolipi.

Our programmes create safe spaces where young people can discuss challenges affecting their education, wellbeing, and future. We provide education and mentorship on teenage pregnancy and early marriage, encouraging young people to make informed choices, remain focused on their education, and pursue their aspirations.

Through talent mentorship, we use poetry, public speaking, drama, music, sports, and other creative activities to help young people discover and develop their abilities, build confidence, strengthen leadership skills, and express themselves positively.

Our environmental work complements youth empowerment. In 2025, we began tree-planting activities, engaging young people in environmental conservation and encouraging them to take responsibility for protecting their communities and environment.



Impact

As a growing volunteer-led foundation, Manyatta Nomads continues to mobilize young people and communities around issues affecting youth development. The Foundation is currently undergoing the registration process as it works towards expanding its programmes and reaching more young people across Samburu East and beyond.



6. Lari University and Colleges Students Association (LUCSA)

The Lari University and Colleges Students Association (LUCSA) is a youth-led organization that brings together university, college, and TVET students from Lari Constituency to promote education, leadership, mentorship, innovation, and community service. Through school outreach programmes, youth forums, mentorship sessions, and digital engagement, LUCSA is empowering young people to become responsible leaders and active contributors to society.

In recent months, LUCSA has conducted mentorship and career guidance programmes in secondary schools including Kamburu, Kimende, Kamahindu, and Sulmac Secondary School. These initiatives have focused on academic excellence, career planning, leadership, self-esteem, and life skills.

The change being created is evident in increased youth participation in education and leadership activities, stronger student networks across Lari, and improved awareness of opportunities in higher education, technical training, entrepreneurship, and digital skills.

LUCSA continues to use its platform to inspire hope, unity, service, and positive social transformation among young people in Lari Constituency.



Impact

4 secondary schools reached through mentorship and career guidance programmes. 250+ students and young people directly engaged in leadership, education, and life skills sessions.

4 mentorship and career guidance trainings conducted in Kamburu, Kimende, Kamahindu, and Sulmac Secondary Schools. Youth engagement event organized at Lari Technical and Vocational College (Lari TVC).

25+ LUCSA student leaders and volunteers actively involved in planning and implementing outreach activities.

KENYATTA UNIVERSITY

Student leaders representing several universities push for Voice in New University Funding model, calling the government to bring students into the process of designing the new funding model. Speaking from Thika at a youth leadership forum, the representative leaders mentioned that student's input would be essential to building a funding system that is sustainable.

"The Government should cease placing students in diverse bands based on their parent's status. You find that many parents with about two-to-three children in higher learning institution are struggling to raise fees. This is why we want to be included in the policy making process and the entire process of new funding model" Thuku said.



Kenyatta University Student Association President Samuel Thuku Addressing Media in Thika

KENYAN STUDENT HUB ON THE GLOBAL COMPETITION

Kenyan universities are increasingly cementing their place on the global innovation map, with students and researchers delivering award-winning solutions in technology, health, and engineering.

Mount Kenya University (MKU) added to that momentum at the Wege Prize 2026 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where its student team impressed judges with EcoScrubber, a hybrid emission-control and carbon-capture system that converts toxic industrial pollutants into usable construction materials.

He said, it was seeing that pollution firsthand that pushed them to wonder whether it could be captured and repurposed rather than simply released into the environment the question that ultimately became the starting point for EcoScrubber.

The team; Wesley Njenga, Franklin Mwendwa, Elijah Maina, and Ejike Chinyere, all from the School of Public Health, pitched their innovation at the global finals.

"We were honored to showcase home-grown solutions and compete with the best in the world," said team leader Wesley Njenga.

Njenga traced the idea back to a real-life moment in Thika, where the team witnessed a truck belching thick black smoke.



OPPORTUNITY RADAR

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS PRESIDENTIAL DIGITAL TALENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

(DIGITALENT) COHORT XI 2026/2027

APPLICATION DEADLINE
MONDAY
7TH SEPTEMBER 2026
MIDNIGHT

12-MONTH INTERNSHIP
Developing ICT Talent.
Driving Kenya's Digital Future.

FOCUS AREAS

- Network & Digital Infrastructure (150)
- Software Development & AI (100)
- Information Security (50)
- Data Analytics (50)
- Multimedia (Graphic Design) & Digital Marketing (50)

APPLY ONLINE
digitalent.go.ke

Be Part of the Journey.
Build Skills. Create Impact. Shape the Future.

CALL FOR APPLICATION EAC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME [COHORT 4]

Two-Year Fully Funded Master's Scholarships at USIU-Africa

Are you an eligible East African Community (EAC) national looking to pursue a Master's degree in Kenya?

ELIGIBLE PROGRAMMES

- MA Communication Studies
- MSc Information Systems & Technology
- MSc Management & Organizational Development

APPLICATION WINDOW

AUGUST 20 - SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
17:00 EAT

APPLY NOW

Scan the QR code or visit our website for eligibility & application details.
usiu.live/aids

United States International University-Africa
Education to take you

Master's Degrees 2026/2027 Fully Funded Scholarships

Apply for admission to NM-AIST and concurrently for the East African Community Scholarship Programme (EACSP) – Phase II, Cohort 4, funded by the Federal Republic of Germany through KfW and implemented by IUCEA.

MOBILITY SCHOLARSHIP – STUDY OUTSIDE YOUR COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Burundi | DR Congo | Kenya | Rwanda | Somalia | South Sudan | Uganda

→ Study at NM-AIST, Arusha

FOUR MASTER'S PROGRAMMES 2026/2027 INTAKE

- 1 Data Science and Artificial Intelligence INFORMATICS
- 2 Environmental Technology and Innovation TECHNOLOGY
- 3 Innovation and Entrepreneurship Management BUSINESS SCIENCE
- 4 Embedded and Mobile Systems (EMoS) SCIENCE

WHAT THE SCHOLARSHIP COVERS

- Full tuition paid to NM-AIST
- EUR 280 monthly stipend
- Return air ticket + EUR 200 arrival
- EUR 1,500 study & research grant
- EUR 650 study materials
- Medical insurance & visa fees

STEP A
Apply for admission
NM-AIST Online Admission System. State clearly that you are also applying for the EACSP.
<https://portal.nmaist.ac.tz/admission>

STEP B
Apply for the scholarship
IUCEA portal, then email your documents as one ZIP to enquiries@iucea.org.
www.kobartoolbox.org/438780877

APPLICATIONS CLOSE
10 September 2026
17:00 hrs EAT - opened 29 August 2026

FREE VIRTUAL INFO SESSION (IUCEA)
28 August 2026 - 11:00 a.m. EAT
Register via the link in the full call. Results announced 4-10 December 2026.

Who qualifies: citizens of an EAC Partner State other than Tanzania, under 35 years, with a Bachelor's degree of Second-Class Upper Division / Distinction or equivalent. **Tanzanians** may apply for the EACSP at other EAC host universities - see IUCEA's call.

nm-aist.ac.tz/event/call-for-applications | head.admission@nm-aist.ac.tz | +255 784 029 080 | Academia for Society and Industry

Scholars Program

Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program Recruitment for 2027/28

In response to the climate crisis the Mastercard Foundation Scholars Program at the University of Edinburgh will invest in a community of skilled, entrepreneurial, and compassionate future leaders from across Africa.

Through the Program at the University of Edinburgh, we will offer talented young people an exciting array of high-quality, sustainability- focused postgraduate learning opportunities, equipping young people with the knowledge, skills and networks to promote sustainable transitions.

We are looking to recruit Scholars to join in September 2027 for on-campus and online study programmes.

Applications are especially encouraged from:

- young women
- young people with disabilities
- young people with refugee and displaced status

Scholarships are available for:

On-campus Masters programmes:

- Africa & International Development
- Climate Change Finance & Investment
- Data, Inequality & Society
- Entrepreneurship & Innovation
- Environment & Development
- Environmental Sustainability
- Food Security
- Operational Research
- Planetary Health
- Sustainable Energy Systems

Online distance learning programmes:

- Biodiversity, Wildlife & Ecosystem Health (MSc or Dip)
- Climate Change Management (MSc route only)
- Data-Driven Breeding & Genetics (MSc or Diploma)
- Data Science Technologies (MSc route only)
- Digital Education (MSc or Diploma)
- Global Food Security & Nutrition (MSc or Diploma)
- Global Health & Infectious Diseases (MSc or Diploma)
- International Development (MSc route only)
- One Health (MSc or Diploma)
- Social Justice & Community Action (MSc or Diploma)

Our recruitment process for 2027/28 has changed from previous years. Applicants must register to join an information session. Only attendees who also meet the eligibility requirements for the Scholarship will receive the invitation to apply.

Information session dates:
15th - 24th September 2026

For more details and registration, visit our website:
<https://edinburgh-global.ed.ac.uk/mastercard-foundation>

Contact us: mcfsfp@ed.ac.uk

*Please note that the degree programmes listed here are subject to change. Check our website regularly for the latest updates.



NYC ELECTIONS 2026

Did you know the NYC Elections 2026 run from 9th to 30th October?

Ward elections start on 9th October 2026, constituency elections on 16th October 2026, and the National Youth Congress elections on 30th October 2026. Mark the dates and plan how you will participate.

Did you know these are the first NYC elections in 14 years?

The last nationwide NYC elections were held in 2012. This cycle is a historic opportunity to restore an elected Council that can advocate for youth-centric policy, regulate and coordinate youth-serving organisations, and strengthen youth representation.

Did you know you can register and nominate online?

The elections portal at elections.nyckenya.go.ke is the official channel for eligible young Kenyans to register as voters and submit nominations. Keep your details accurate and complete your profile early.

Did you know NYC registration also prepares you for the polls?

Youth registration at nationalyouthcouncil.go.ke/youth-registration/ connects you to networks, government opportunities and coordinated youth initiatives — and it is part of being ready to take part in elections and national development.

Did you know voter education is already running in the counties?

NYC is convening county Zoom sessions and consultative meetings so young people understand the timetable, eligibility and process.

Questions on elections, registration or YSOs?

Email; registration@nationalyouthcouncil.go.ke / Whatsapp 0700692692

Connect with us

www.nationalyouthcouncil.go.ke | NYC_YouthVoice



To maximize these benefits, please ensure your organization's profile is complete and up-to-date on the NYC portal.

For assistance or inquiries, feel free to contact us at registration@nationalyouthcouncil.go.ke.

For more information, visit the NYC website or contact:

Email: info@nationalyouthcouncil.go.ke

Web: www.nationalyouthconcil.go.ke

