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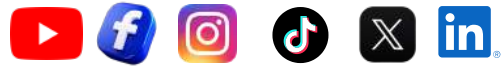
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CEO's Note

Welcome to this 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 the energy that continues to shape our nation.

This moment is historic. After 14 years, the National Youth Council Elections are upon us. Ward-level elections will be held on 9 October 2026, constituency-level elections on 16 October, and the National Youth Congress on 30 October, when elected delegates will choose national representatives. Eligible young people aged 18 to 35 can register, vote or stand as candidates through the official portal at www.elections.nykenya.go.ke.



Scan this QR
code to open the
elections portal

These elections matter because they restore structured, accountable youth representation. They give you the power to choose leaders who will speak for you in policy spaces, coordinate youth-serving organisations and ensure that programmes reflect the realities of unemployment, mental health, climate action, education and opportunity.

Silence or absence cedes that voice to others. Participation is how we turn energy into influence and ideas into lasting impact.



At the National Youth Council we remain committed to creating an enabling environment for this process. I invite every young person, organisation and partner to register, participate fully, share 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

NYC Elections



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Who can Participate?

You can register and participate if you:

- Are a Kenyan citizen aged 18–35 years.
- Register as a voter in the ward where you intend to vote or contest.
- Provide the required voter registration particulars, including your National ID/Passport details, date of birth and electoral area.

Who can contest as a Ward Delegate

To qualify, you must:

- Be a Kenyan citizen aged at least 19 and below 36 years as of 31 December of the election year.
- Have at least a secondary/high school ordinary level certificate from a recognized institution.
- Be a registered voter.
- Have a recommendation letter from the Assistant Chief, Area Chief or National Police Service in the ward where you are registered.
- Meet the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.
- Complete the prescribed nomination process.

How do i Register to vote?

Visit
<https://elections.nykenya.go.ke/>



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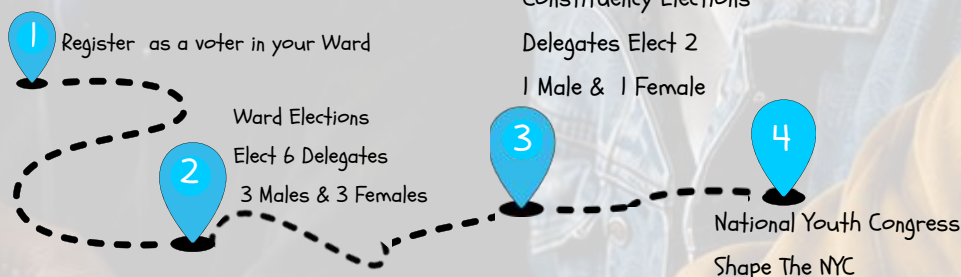
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How do i get Nominated?

If you want to contest as a Ward Delegate:

- You must be nominated by at least 50 registered voters.
- Complete the prescribed Nomination Form (Form I).
- Attach documents proving that you meet the eligibility requirements.
- Submit your completed nomination documents to the relevant Election Steering Committee as 6.00 p.m. on the appointed nomination dates.

NYC Election Steps



National Youth Council
election 2026

You cannot vote or contest unless you are registered as a voter. A person may also be disqualified from contesting where, among other grounds, they are not a Kenyan citizen, are not registered in the relevant electoral area, are an official of a political party, or fail to comply with the nomination and eligibility requirements.

VOTER REGISTRATION

16th August – 30th September 2026
(Registration of wards across the country)

NOMINATION

9th September – 27th September 2026
(Submit nomination documents to ERC)

WARD ELECTIONS

9th October 2026

CONSTITUENCY ELECTIONS

16th October 2026

NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS

30th October 2026



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Featured Article

Criminology beyond Police Uniform: Reimagining criminology, Crime Prevention and opportunity For Kenyan Youth

When I tell people I studied criminology, one question I often hear is, 'So, are you a police officer?' It is a question that reflects how criminology is still largely understood, and why there is a need to broaden that conversation.

The Professional Criminologists' Association of Kenya (PCAK) provides a platform for criminologists to connect, develop professionally and contribute to conversations around crime and criminal justice. Within this space, the PCAK Youth Envoys (PYE) focuses on bringing students and young professionals closer to the profession through mentorship, university outreaches, webinars and opportunities for growth.

The Crime Must Fall Walk 2026, held on 11 September at Aga Khan Walk in Nairobi under the theme 'Youth Shaping a Safer Kenya', brought together young people and different stakeholders

to engage on crime prevention. Crime prevention requires more than one institution. It calls for collaboration between communities, government, professionals and young people.

As criminology students and young professionals, we have a responsibility to keep learning, participate in these conversations and explore the different ways our knowledge can be applied, from investigations and intelligence to research, rehabilitation and community safety. Our degree is a foundation. What we do with it is up to us.



By Victoria Kawira

Vice Chairperson, PCAK Youth Envoys
(PYE)



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Youth Serving Organizations

MOMBASA YOUTH COUNCIL

Mombasa Youth Council (MYC) is a youth-led platform committed to placing young people at the centre of Mombasa's development by creating meaningful spaces for participation, innovation, environmental action and community leadership.

Through youth barazas, community engagements and stakeholder forums across Mombasa County, MYC has reached and engaged over 20,000 young people, providing platforms for young people to voice their priorities, access opportunities and participate in shaping solutions to challenges affecting their communities.

In 2026, MYC hosted the Mombasa Youth Innovation Festival under the theme "Youths at the Centre of Mombasa's Creative Economy." The festival brought together over 1,500 young people for innovation, creativity, sports, entrepreneurship and community engagement, demonstrating the enormous potential of young people as drivers of inclusive and sustainable economic development.



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MYC has also championed practical environmental action. During a youth-led cleanup at Likoni Ferry, over 200 sacks of waste were collected, mobilizing young people to take direct responsibility for the health and sustainability of their coastal environment.

The Council continues to advance conversations around climate action, environmental sustainability and the Blue Economy, while building partnerships that enable young people to become active contributors to sustainable development.

KEY IMPACTS

- 20,000+ youth reached through barazas and engagements
- 1,500+ youth reached through the Innovation Festival
- 200+ sacks of waste collected
- 10 football teams engaged during the festival
- 1,000+ online viewers reached through digital engagement.

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HURUMA RADASAFI YOUTH GROUP



Empowering Youth for a Peaceful, Inclusive, and Resilient Future Huruma Radasafi Youth Group is a community-based youth organization committed to empowering young people and strengthening community development in Huruma and surrounding areas. Through youth participation, skills development, community engagement, and social initiatives, we create opportunities that enable young people to become productive, responsible, and resilient members of society.

Our initiatives focus on promoting peaceful coexistence, inclusion, teamwork, entrepreneurship and meaningful youth participation in community development. We believe that when young people are given opportunities, skills, and resources, they can become powerful agents of positive change.

To strengthen and expand our programmes, the group is seeking support in three key areas: capital, to establish and grow youth-led income-generating activities; tools and equipment, to support practical skills development and livelihood projects; and a physical structure, to provide a safe and permanent space for youth training, meetings, mentorship, and community activities.

With strategic partnerships and support from stakeholders, Huruma Radasafi Youth Group aims to reach more young people, create sustainable livelihoods, reduce vulnerability, and promote a peaceful, inclusive, and resilient community.



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PROFESSIONAL CRIMINOLOGISTS' ASSOCIATION

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PCAK Youth Envoys (PYE), the youth arm of the Professional Criminologists' Association of Kenya, implemented the Crime Must Fall Walk 2026 on 11 September 2026 in Nairobi CBD under the theme "Youth Shaping a Safer Kenya." The initiative brought young people and stakeholders together through a public awareness walk focused on youth participation, peaceful coexistence, responsible citizenship, crime prevention and community safety.

The walk created a platform for young people to publicly express their commitment to safer and more resilient communities while engaging with institutions and members of the public. Participants used branded messages, banners and public engagement to raise awareness and inspire collective action. The initiative reflects PYE's approach of positioning young people as active contributors to safer communities and to a peaceful, inclusive Kenya.

Through collaboration with partners and stakeholders, the walk strengthened visibility for youth-led action and reinforced the message that building safer communities is a shared responsibility.

The Crime Must Fall Walk 2026 directly aligns with the National Youth Council's focus on empowering youth for a peaceful, inclusive and resilient future. The initiative brought together over 400 participants, creating a platform for young people to actively participate in promoting peaceful coexistence, responsible citizenship and safer communities.

Through the walk, PCAK Youth Envoys positioned young people not only as beneficiaries of safety interventions, but as active partners and change-makers in crime prevention. The initiative advanced the message that crime prevention is a shared responsibility, requiring collaboration among young people, communities, institutions and other stakeholders.

The walk provided an opportunity for youth to raise awareness, engage the public and advocate for collective action towards safer and more resilient communities. By bringing diverse participants together around a common cause, the initiative strengthened youth participation, social responsibility, community awareness and peaceful coexistence.

Impact

1 Youth-led public awareness initiative conducted in Nairobi CBD

1 Crime Must Fall Walk held on 11 September 2026

1 Core youth-focused theme: "Youth Shaping a Safer Kenya"

Multiple Crime Must Fall Walk held on 11 September 2026

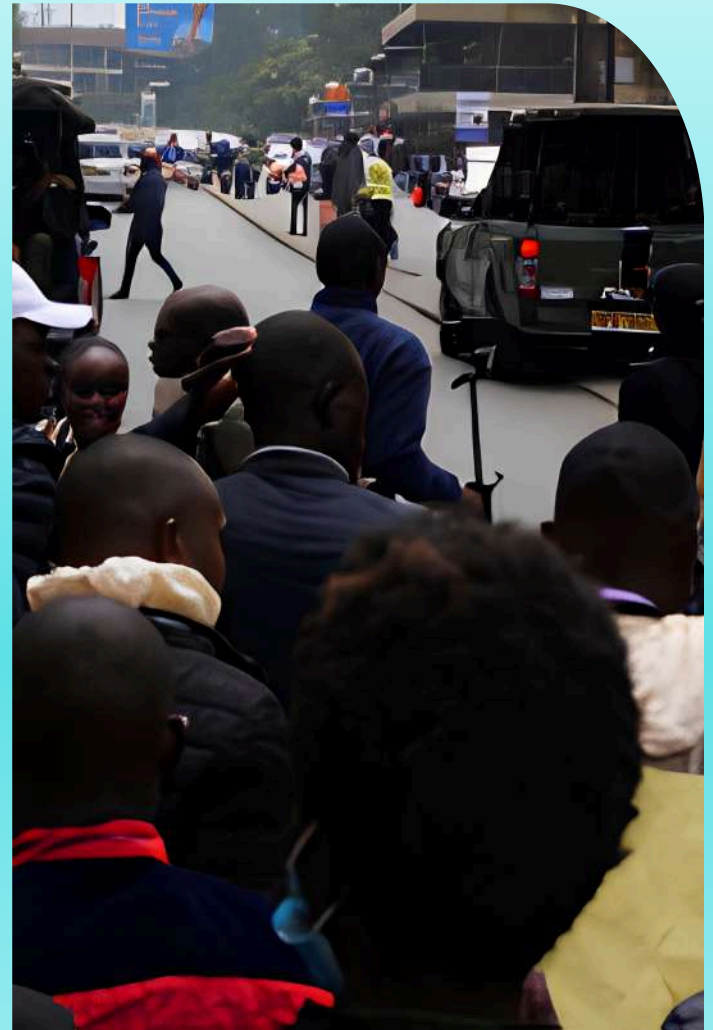


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Voices Of Campus

UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI

The University of Nairobi was on Monday disrupted by a wave of student echoing in protest against the government's newly introduced University Funding Model. The students argued that the new model was discriminatory and punitive, particularly towards students from disadvantaged backgrounds. They claimed that the new system would limit access to higher education for many, as it would make it difficult for students from low-income families to afford tuition fees.



Student leaders and engineering students marching in full training gear explicitly "demanded that the government prioritize fee affordability for all students across the country," warning that moving toward a purely loan-based model would permanently disenfranchise poor families.



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KAIMOSI FRIENDS UNIVERSITY



The Kaimosi Friends University Student Association (KAPUSA) officially addressed the student body regarding administration plans to open a satellite campus in Vokoli.

Student union leaders from KAPUSA (Kaimosi University Student Association) explicitly voiced support for university management regarding the proposal to open a new campus branch in Vokoli. They forcefully warned outside actors and local political groups attempting to initiate disruptions or protests over the expansion.

“

Hatutakubali masomo yavurugwe, stop being selfish and individualistic! ..

If what they consider as incitement and propaganda against the university persists, we will be compelled to take action, including leaving classes to address these individuals.

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Speaking through their student union, KAPUSA, students explicitly rejected the notion that the Vokoli project would derail the main campus.

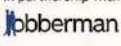
The union formally declared that the Vokoli campus will "facilitate the introduction of new academic programs and broaden educational opportunities."



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- 4. University of Cambridge, UK**
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Deadline: 30 November 2026
<https://www.alueducation.com/apply-now/>
- 6. African Leadership College of Higher Education, Mauritius**
Deadline: 14 November 2026 – International applicants
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<https://alcheducation.com/apply-now/>
- 7. Ashesi University, Ghana**
Deadline: October/December 2026 application rounds
<https://ashesi.edu.gh/how-to-apply/>
- 8. University of Oxford, UK**
Deadline: December 2026 or January 2027
<https://www.afox.ox.ac.uk/education/mastercard-foundation-scholars-program-at-the-university-of-oxford>

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A young woman with long dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a denim jacket over a white shirt, is shouting into a white megaphone with a red handle. She is positioned on the right side of the poster, with a large blue circle behind her head and a red shape at the bottom.

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Are you a student leader? Do you lead a club? Would you like to be featured in the next edition of the VOICES FROM CAMPUS

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Did you know NYC runs programmes to boost leadership, patriotism and participation in governance?

These include meaningful youth involvement in democratic processes and intergenerational dialogues that tackle topical issues. NYC also promotes national values and protects youth from manipulation.



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