



AFRICA UNITE
SCHOOL CLUB
MY SCHOOL IS MY COMMUNITY



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COMMUNITIES**



SCHOOL CLUB PROGRAMME

2018 HIGHLIGHTS

AU SCHOOL CLUB PROGRAMME

Goal

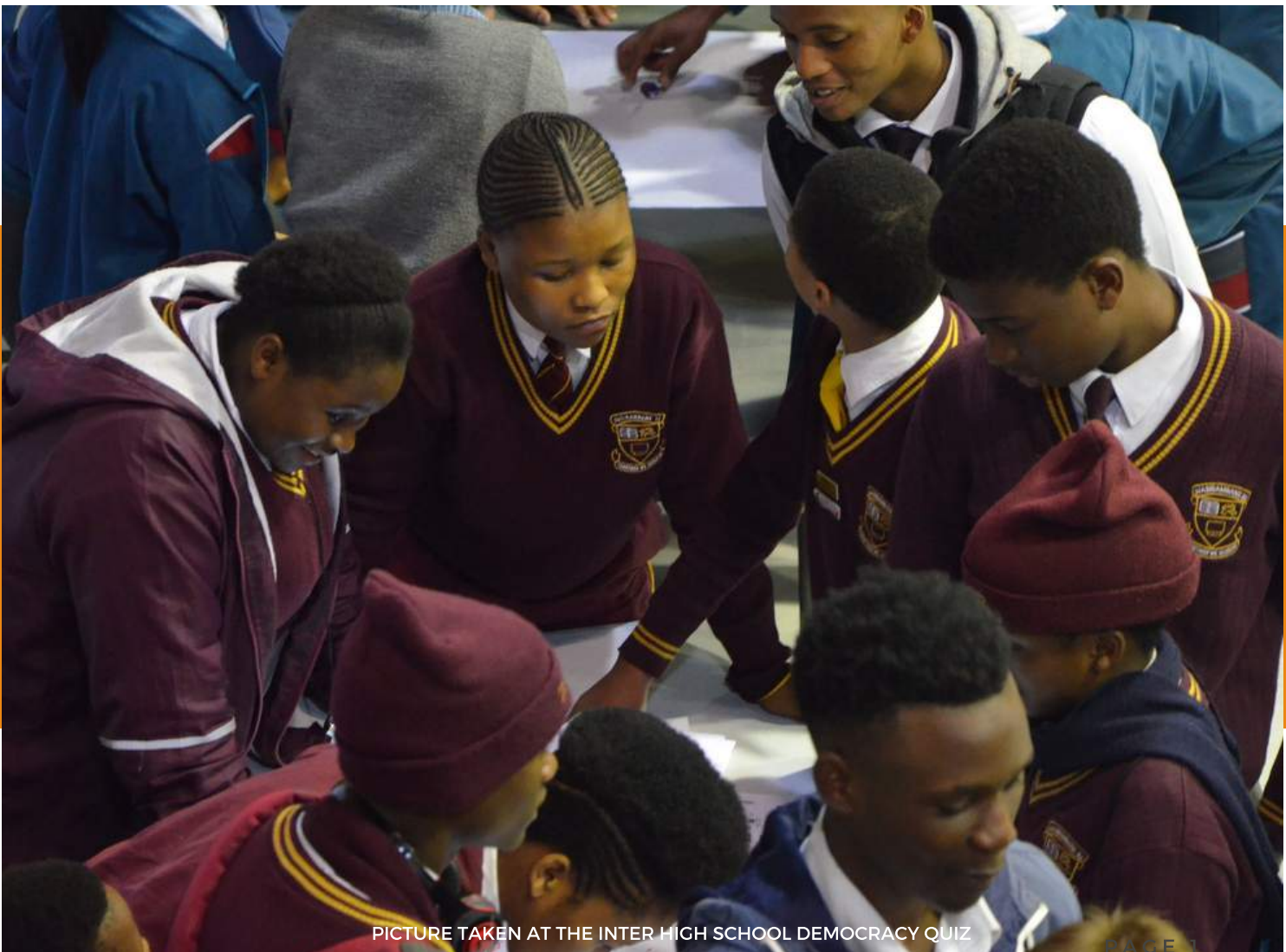
To empower learners to advocate for a sustainable learning environment conducive to quality education and become active stakeholders in their community.

Mission

To nurture leadership qualities and create non-apathetic and fully capacitate learners who are responsible and accountable to their community through promoting social emotional learning, voluntarism and confidence, making them believe that they can make a difference in their lives as well as in their schools and communities.

OBJECTIVES

- To give learners a platform to learn new skills and share their own experiences with peers;
- Create a platform for socio-emotional learning in all its forms
- To create an atmosphere of trust and offer a safe place for dialogue on sensitive issues affecting learners;
- To change the behaviors of learners such as apathy and lack of responsibility to their school and communities
- To create critical thinkers who observe their communities and schools through a social activist perspective;
- To inculcate a culture of learning and appreciation of schools as safe learning centers



PICTURE TAKEN AT THE INTER HIGH SCHOOL DEMOCRACY QUIZ



BACKGROUND

In 2014, in response to a noticeable lack of youth leadership and community involvement, Africa Unite initiated the School Club Programme with the slogan 'My School is My Community'. As many township and underprivileged communities face onslaughts of youth vandalism, gangsterism, drug and alcohol abuse, teenage pregnancy and HIV/AIDS; Africa Unite launched the School Club Program as a paradigm shift, to drive change toward a safer school environment in which learners themselves are the center of this positive change. The School Club Programme aims to empower learners to build their own leadership capacities and to act as peer leaders to engage with their schools and communities in an effort to pave the way for a safer and more inclusive South Africa.

The Africa Unite School Club (AUSC) program is designed to work in the townships and underprivileged schools to create young leaders, who think critically about their environment, take pride in their school, and take responsibility in their community development. The AUSC's are designed as a replication of government and thus prompt students to see their schools as a country that they must lead as the governing board. .

The AUSC also exposes learners to environments that are different from their own to address the historical spatial inequalities and allow the learners to think critically about their environment in relation to the communities around them.



Masibambane High SCHOOL CLUB
PRESENTING DRAFT SOLUTIONS TO WATER
CRISIS 'WHOSE DAY ZERO' CAMPAIGN

SCHOOL CLUBS THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN OPERATION

WESTERN CAPE

Masibambane Secondary School (**Kraaifontein**)
Heideveld High School (**Heideveld**)
Nelson Mandela High School (**Nyanga**)
Rosendaal High School (**Delft**)
Portlands High School (**Mitchell's Plain**)
Ashton Public Combined School (**Ashton**)

GUATENG

Fons Luminsi Secondary School (**Soweto**)
Newgate College, (**Hillbrow**)

THE MODEL OF AFRICA UNITE SCHOOL CLUBS

The School Club model has been initiated and sustained by Africa Unite in partnership with school administration. Each School Club is led by an elected cabinet, comprised of a President and their 6 Ministers – Minister of Environment and Health, Minister of Finance, Minister of Social Development, Minister of Information and Public Relations, Minister of Education and Minister of Sports, Culture and Entertainment. This cabinet is then assisted by several Parliamentarians who are involved in the clubs as assistants and help to hold the cabinet accountable.



South African parliament which the school club model mirrors. Picture taken from biznews.com



Majority

of the Africa Unite School Club presidents are women

Provincial Minister of Social Development with the AU School Club social development minister during his community outreach

Gauteng School Club, Soweto



2018 COMBINED ACTIVITIES

- Election of the new cabinet leaders
- Leadership camp
- Capacity building for the cabinet
- Understanding your portfolio duties
- Economic literacy
- Parliament tour
- CV writing workshop
- Shadowing Provincial Ministers
- Africa Unite & IEC Inter-high School Quiz
- Whose Day Zero Campaign
- Heritage Month Educational Tour
- SHAWCO Community Health Liaison training

“Those who are crazy enough to think they can change the world usually do.”

— Steve Jobs



Ikhaya Loxolo Old Age home: School Club learners visiting the elders on Mandela Day Commemoration month



School Club leaders from six schools attending the SHAWCO community Liaison Health training in the University of Cape Town Campus

AU SCHOOL CLUB ACTIVITIES

Undertaken in 2018

ELECTION OF A NEW CABINET

All schools had the opportunity to elect their new cabinet leaders. Each cabinet is comprised of 6 leaders (president, minister of environment and health, minister of finance, minister of social development, minister of education, minister of information and public relations and minister of sports, culture and entertainment). The 7 are also assisted by 30 parliamentarians who are also responsible for holding them accountable.

Leadership Camp

After conducting free and fair elections in all the 6 school clubs in the Western Cape, a 3-day leadership camp was held in Houtbay with 42 learners (7 cabinet leaders of each school). The purpose of this camp was to empower the cabinet members who are already playing a vital role in their respective schools and communities so that they become efficient in the running of their clubs, mobilise more learners at school level and their respective communities. As future leaders, the learners were also taught how to be a good leader, take decisions, how to conduct meetings, keep records of their meetings and develop their own plan of action. In Johannesburg, the 2 participating schools had their leadership camp in Kensington.

In the Western Cape, during the camp the learners had an opportunity to learn how they could conduct a baseline research on the inequalities attached to the Cape Town water crisis. They developed their own survey which they were going to administer in their own respective schools. The purpose of this survey was to make the learners aware that the water crisis has been in the townships for many years and show how it has affected township learners for many decades.



President of Africa Unite School Club in Nelson Mandela High School Addressing school club members

Outcomes

After the camp, the learners were thankful to Africa Unite for such an opportunity which they never had in their lives. Majority of them expressed that this was a unique and educative experience which they will never forget in their lives. They also expressed that they understood how crucial their role and responsibilities in bringing positive change in their respective schools. They developed their quarterly plan of action which they would implement in their respective schools.

The learners managed to administer the water surveys in their own schools where they interviewed more than 600 learners in all the schools. To get a good and one of the most important outcomes of this research was the failure for most learners to understand that they faced a water crisis mainly because it was now normal for water to be closed during some days.



During the Inter-High School quiz

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR THE CABINET

After the leadership camp the cabinet leaders are often invited to attend various training's in order to enhance their skills and knowledge. Below are some of the training in which they attended:

Understanding your portfolio duties

A workshop was held with all the 5 presidents and ministers of each portfolio as follows: president, minister of environment and health, minister of finance, minister of social development, minister of information and public relations and minister of sports, culture and entertainment.

The aim of the workshop is for them to understand their portfolios and how they can develop activities in relation to their portfolios.

Economic literacy

In order for the learners to understand and unpack and understand the political economic context of South Africa within and how it affects them at community and global levels. The workshop was conducted by the Alternative Information Development Center (AIDC)

Parliament tour: On the 22nd of April, members of the Africa Unite School Clubs attended a workshop at the Western Cape Provincial Parliament in Cape Town. They learnt about the South African Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the role of the legislature and how they can make their own submissions and petitions. The learners had the privilege of visiting the chambers where they learned about the positions of parliamentary bodies. Each school proposed a submission in relation to the challenges they face in their schools.



Albert Fritz during his community outreach with AU School Club Minister



Promote education for sustainable development specifically goal 4:7

CV writing workshop

After finishing school, a large number of matriculants struggle to market themselves through a CV when seeking employment which is an essential skill. On the 8th of August, 30 Africa Unite School Club learners and alumni attended a workshop on how to create a professional CV. The workshop covered important aspects of CV and cover letter writing such as content and presentation.

Shadowing Provincial Ministers

During the June school holidays some of our cabinet ministers had the opportunity to shadow the Official Western Cape Ministers during their day's work. The selected learner minister shadowed the Western Cape Minister of Social Development, Minister of Safety and Security and the Minister of Economic opportunities. One of the main outcomes of this shadowing was the interest drawn by the Minister of Economic opportunities in our school club programme. He was impressed with our water and sanitation project in which the learners designed their own action in addressing the water and sanitation crisis. The minister was invited by Rosendaal High School to be a guest speaker on Mandela Day where he donated 30 water and sanitation t-shirts to the school club. He also promised to link the school club with various stakeholders that could assist in providing water and sanitation services in the school.

INTER-HIGH SCHOOL QUIZ

Africa Unite & Independent Electoral Commission

On the 16th of August 2018, Africa Unite and the South African Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), partnered up to host a democracy and good governance inter-high school quiz, with the theme "My South Africa, My Pride". The quiz was held at the Artscape Theatre and five AUSC's participated: Portlands High School (Mitchell's Plain), Masibambane Secondary School (Kraaifontein), Heideveld High School (Heideveld), Dr. Nelson R. Mandela High School (Nyanga) and Rosendaal High School (Delft).

The purpose of the quiz was to expand the youth's knowledge on South Africa's constitution, governance, historical and current affairs, and to understand the importance of participating in a democratic society. 80 questions were asked within three thematic areas in South Africa: human rights; democracy; and good governance.



During the Inter-High School Quiz, Masibambane High School Leadership

Three learners from each of the five schools were selected by their peers to represent their school in the inter-high quiz. The quiz ran successfully, with an overwhelming amount of enthusiasm and involvement from the learners. Not only were 75 learners involved and interactive among themselves, providing an encouraging teamwork mindset, but they were also passionate about engaging with the IEC (whose representatives were at the quiz), by embracing the opportunity to be educated on their rights to vote and how South African democracy works.

Moreover, the learners blew the judges away with their knowledge on South African Politics and the manner in which the IEC operates. After 5 Rounds of 15 questions each and bonus questions to even out the score, the results were: Dr. Nelson R. Mandela High School in 5th place; Portlands High School in 4th place; Masibambane Secondary School in 3rd place; Rosendaal High School High School in 2nd place; and the victors of the day being Heideveld High School who took home the 1st place cup and had us all in awe of how intelligent the youth really is. The IEC provided trophies for the top 3 schools who participated, and these will be engraved with each school's name for them to keep.



During the Inter-High School Quiz, Dr. R. Nelson Mandela High School presenting their introduction

'WHOSE DAY ZERO' CAMPAIGN

The media has latched onto the concept of “Day Zero”, the day the municipal water source will be turned off to all domestic dwellings. The reporting of the water crisis has left the rest of the world wondering how an entire coastal city has run out of water, in what feels like overnight. Cape Town has been under threat of drought, poor consumption patterns, and reduced rainfall since 2015, so why is the media only this year reporting on the water crisis?

To uncover this question, on the 13th of October, we hosted our Whose Day Zero feedback event, the culmination of a year’s worth of work and dialogues. We worked with Africa Unite’s School Clubs to enable young learners to conduct baseline research with a population group of their peers by administering a survey about water restrictions and the impact on their communities.

At this event, we presented the findings from this learner-collected data, the surveys were intended to enable the learners to gain a better understanding and awareness of the water crisis, the challenges our School Clubs face during water restrictions, see if these challenges vary in different parts of Cape Town and develop their own action plan. We were thrilled to have the City of Cape Town’s Department of Water and Sanitation at the event, to tell the learners more about the Water Crisis and how to move beyond the shortage in a sustainable manner. There was enthusiastic engagement in the dialogue between Africa Unite, the City of Cape Town’s Department of Water & Sanitation and the learners.

All the school clubs have developed various projects to address the water crisis in their schools with Portland High being one of the outstanding schools as they managed to get a sponsorship of Jojo water storage tanks for their school. We would also like to thank our generous funders, Wakefield Rotary USA, for the opportunity to host this event. It was an enriching day for all involved.

Please find the awareness raising video developed by Africa Unite on this campaign on our YouTube channel titled: Who's Day Zero alternatively use this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXvYtlw0nk0>



City of Cape Department of Water and Sanitation official and the Cape Town's Water Mascot.



Group picture taken at CityVarsity College during the feedback session of the 'Whose Day Zero' water campaign with the water mascot

HERITAGE MONTH EDUCATIONAL TOUR

On the 29th of September 2018, Africa Unite School club in partnership with South African National Parks and Mergence Investment Managers celebrated the end of heritage month through an educational tour of the Table Mountain. The purpose of the trip was to celebrate heritage month by educating, exposing and giving an opportunity to learners from disadvantaged communities to access national touristic and heritage sites which they usually just see from a distance or hear about.

Africa Unite felt it was necessary to include nature as part of the heritage celebration to reconnect our cultures with the environment. Our surroundings impact the way in which we perceive the world, and they impact the way we interact with each other as well as people's imagination. With this in mind, it was necessary for the learners to experience these sites in a way they would not otherwise have access to.

SAN Parks provided us with a bus for the day, and the driver picked the learners at the Slave Lodge Museum in the city centre. From there they embarked towards Table Mountain. A tour guide from SAN Parks, Aslam made the tour educational and interesting for the learners. They learnt about the 7 wonders of nature, the different species that live on Table Mountain and the different plants found on Table Mountain. Along the 'hike', Aslam managed to squeeze in a few historical facts about Table Mountain, from its discovery to when it was classified as a Heritage Site.

Furthermore, the learners got an opportunity to ask questions. From their questions surrounding the reservoirs to questions about Devil's Peak and the origin of the name; the ranger was amazed by the insightful questions that came up. When we arrived at the top, the learners, along with everyone, were amazed by the breath-taking view of Cape Town, the view of the ocean and the sheer beauty of Mother Nature.

The learners were very pleased about the Table Mountain tour and the group returned to Africa Unite's office to enjoy a scrumptious lunch together which was supported by Mergence Investment Managers in Sea Point.

The tour was a great success and we are looking forward to organizing similar opportunities for the learners. (Special thanks to Mergence Investment Managers in Sea Point and South African National Parks for fully sponsoring the event)

SOME REMARKS FROM THE LEARNERS

"Everything was on point.... There are no complaints, there's nothing more I can say"

Alulutho from Masibane Secondary School

"The trip was great, we learnt a lot of things... we learnt a lot of things that I didn't know about Table Mountain, the dams and the stuff that was actually kind of unexpected. Yeah it was fun and I enjoyed it a lot"

Benedette from Portland High School
"Today was amazing because I met new people and I learnt stuff about them and about the AU club and Table Mountain as well. We went to a place that I have never been before. It was a nice experience and I would love to do it again, and I would definitely do it again with AU as well"

Shereen Gordan from Portland High school
As a newcomer at AU we really enjoyed it and we would like to join the AU club. We feel so welcomed here" Nicole from Portland High School



SHAWCO COMMUNITY HEALTH LIAISONS TRAINING

In Partnership with Africa Unite (AU), Students Health and Welfare Centres Organisation (SHAWCO) University of Cape Town (UCT), organised a community health liaisons training for about 35 school club learners.

The training was held at the University of Cape Town Health sciences faculty around 2pm in the afternoon. The schools present included, Masibambane Secondary, Portland High, Rosendaal high, Dr Nelson Mandela High.

The purpose of the training was to equip learners with new skills that they can be able to use to advise fellow pupils and members of their communities towards living a healthier lifestyle.

The training featured interactive sessions on Tuberculosis (TB), from causes of TB, symptoms and preventions, HIV/AIDS virus and Diabetes.

Learners managed to bring up, thought provoking insightful questions about the different illnesses that were discussed. The SHAWCO team prepared a manual for the learners that contained some of the information which they had learnt. This training served as a foundation for the newly trained community health liaisons. Furthermore, this has been issued as a challenge for the Health Ministers within the School clubs to run programmes to promote health education.

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“FOR THIS END AFRICA NEEDS A NEW TYPE OF CITIZEN, A DEDICATED, MODEST, HONEST AND INFORMED MAN. A MAN SUBMERGES SELF IN SERVICE TO THE NATION AND MANKIND. A MAN WHO ABHORS GREED AND DETESTS VANITY. A NEW TYPE OF MAN WHOSE HUMILITY IS HIS STRENGTH AND WHOSE INTEGRITY IS HIS GREATNESS”

— KWAME NKRUMAH, AFRICA MUST UNITE

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School Club learners attending the SHAWCO Community Health Liaison Health training in University of Cape Town Campus

PORTLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Western Cape, Mitchell's Plain) - Cape Town



West Lake Children's Home Outreach

Outreach to Children's Home in West Lake

On 8 June 2018, Cabinet members of Portland's Africa Unite School Club, in partnership with their school administration organized an outreach initiative at the West Lake Children's Home where they offered their time and resources to serve over 90 children living there. The Portland learners brought and served soup and bread to the children - aged one to ten years - and spent the afternoon playing and interacting with them. Organized independently by the learners; the goal of this activity was to "help where they could" to serve and feed the poor, especially these children. The event was a grand success, and the children were thrilled to make new friends from Portland High. The leadership of these learners was incredible, and this outreach event was a powerful opportunity for the learners to be role models in their community and show compassion and empathy towards the vulnerable children.

More stories of Portland School Club

- West Lake Children's Home Outreach
- Commemoration of Africa Day Celebration
- Cake Sales for JoJo Tanks
- Arbor Day Tree-Planting Celebration

Commemoration of Africa Day Celebration

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On 21 May 2018, the cabinet of Portland High School Club organized and facilitated their own all-school assembly in celebration of Africa Day. The learners sought to educate and inform their peers about the legacy of Africa Day and the spirit of the holiday, and, through poems, performances and story-telling; the young leaders were able to allow their peers to engage in and more so understand the meaning of the day. The young people presented their own reflections about the holiday and shared songs, spoken word and stories about how Africa Day started, and the importance of its legacy in South Africa. The assembly was very meaningful and well organized, and the learners paid much attention to their peers and took away many lessons from the day.



West Lake Children's Home Outreach

"Man make history and not the other way around. In periods where there is no leadership, society stands still. Progress occurs when courageous, skillful leaders seize the opportunity to change things for the better"

- Harry S Truman

Cake Sales for JoJo Tanks

During the height of the drought, the learners from Portland High's School Club recognized the need for their school to buy a JoJo water tank to serve student needs to have accessible clean water. To raise money for this effort, School Club members organized and hosted a cake sale among their peers; where they made and sold homemade cakes and celebrated the occasion with music, dancing and decorations. The sale was a tremendous success as many learners in the school purchased the goods on sale. The school club raised R2,500 and were successfully able to partner with their school to buy a JoJo tank, and they plan to organize another cake sale for an additional tank soon.

Arbor Day Tree-Planting Celebration

In mid-September during Arbor Week, the learners in the Portland School Club partnered with the school's Environmental Club to organize an environmental project for the school community in commemoration of Arbor Day. The School Club members advocated for each class to plant a tree along school property as well as for implementation of a more wide-reaching recycling program in the school by securing 12-14 recycling bins donated by an outside company

HEIDEVELD SECONDARY SCHOOL

Western Cape, Heideveld - Cape Town



Heritage Tour on top of Table Mountain - 7th Wonder of the World

Highlights

- 'PICK IT UP' CAMPAIGN
- Math After Classes &
- Community Basketball Soccer Tournament

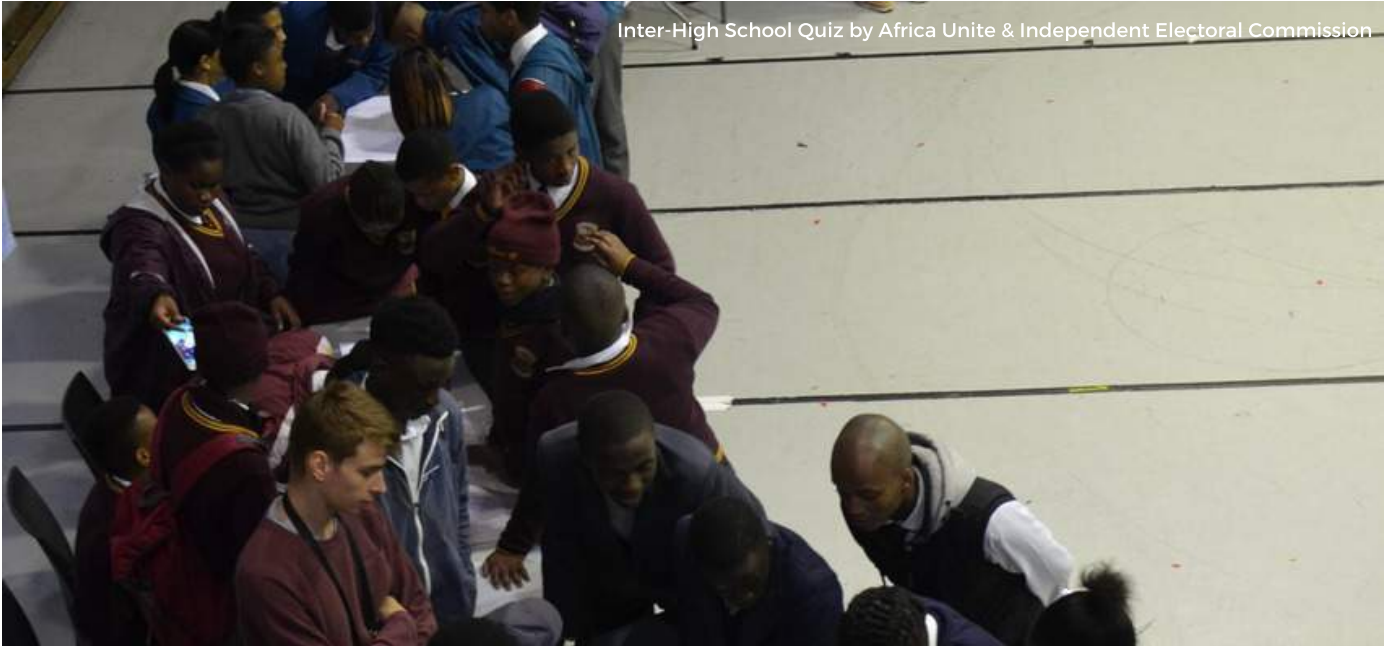
'PICK IT UP' CAMPAIGN

On Saturday, 27 April 2018, the learners in the Heideveld Secondary School Club organized a community clean-up day within their school grounds. Originally planned during the Africa Unite School Club Leadership Camp; the objective of this day of service was to embrace the idea that "my school is my community" and to call attention to the need to maintain a clean community within Heideveld Secondary.

Early in the morning on Saturday, the School Club members gathered with other learners in their school to clean up around the school grounds and to pick up trash. The event was a great success and the school community, including administration, was very happy and inspired by the generous actions of the learners.



Inter-High School Quiz by Africa Unite & Independent Electoral Commission



MATHEMATICS AFTER CLASS

During the beginning of the second term, the Africa Unite Heideveld Secondary School Club members through their minister of education organized and held “Math After Classes” every Tuesday and Thursday for learners in grades 8 & 9, recognizing the need to offer additional support to these learners to pass.

The School Club leadership thought of and organized these “classes” on their own, and utilized the support of teachers as well as grades 10 & 11 high achieving learners to teach and support the learners. The School Club members sought to improve their peers’ math marks through these after-school classes, and they have been a huge success, with over typically 100 learners in attendance each day.

This is an on-going project that is beginning to already reap positive results, and this sustainable solution to raising their fellow learners’ marks has been an incredible

COMMUNITY BASKETBALL & SOCCER TOURNAMENT

During the April 2018 school holiday, the cabinet of Heideveld Secondary School Club organized and facilitated a sports tournament for youth living in Heideveld and other surrounding communities. During this time of the holiday, the School Club members recognized the great need for alternatives to violence and drugs among their fellow young people who do not have many healthy outlets and recruitment activities.

The learners, then, gauged community interest and planned their own sports tournament to bring young community members together to offer this clean and peaceful space to have fun, make friends and build human rights communities. Spanning two days, the tournament was a huge success and over five teams participated with over sixty young people attending and participating in the event. It was a great opportunity for the youth to spend their vacation in a safe space, as well as get to know other young people from different schools in the community.

The foundation of every state is the empowerment of its youth. - Africa Unite peer educators

ROSENDAAL HIGH SCHOOL

Delft, Cape Town



CLUB HIGHLIGHTS

- Women's Day Event
- Water Survey and Community Project
- Mandela Day Event

MANDELA DAY EVENT

In mid-July 2018, the Rosendaal High School Club learners planned and organized a 2-day event to commemorate Nelson Mandela Day by celebrating the achievements of the country and empowering themselves and other learners in the school community. The event revolved around the Western Cape's Minister of Economic Opportunities, Minister Alan Winde, who had just finished a full day shadowing of the minister of finance for Rosendaal High School during the school holiday.

He was invited as the guest speaker by the cabinet of Rosendaal High where he had the opportunity to share his story with Cabinet members, school representatives and community members in attendance. Various sporting activities were also organized on the day and the cabinet had the opportunity to show the minister the various disciplines. Active community partners such as SAPS worked with the learners to sponsor the event, and it was a huge success that served to empower learners and show that, in the legacy of Tata Madiba, anyone can be and do whatever they dream to be.

Hon. Alan Winde Provincial minister of Community Safety during the Mandela Day event in Rosendaal High School, Delft- Cape Town



WATER SURVEY & COMMUNITY PROJECT

In April at the height of the drought in Cape Town, learners from the Rosendaal High Africa Unite School Club noticed the suffering of their peers who had passed out, lacked the ability to concentrate, etc. because of the lack of accessible clean water and decided to take action. The School Club leaders compiled and circulated a survey for learners in each grade regarding their water intake and consumption, as well as knowledge about the water crisis as a whole. The survey considered the demographics of learners and asked about their access to and consumption of water to consider these water-related needs of peers.

Using the results from these surveys, the School Club leaders advocated to school administration as well as outside funders to gather resources and support for clean water distributions for learners to take to their homes. By using their survey to understand the circumstances of their peers, the School Club learners were able to advocate for the needs of their community and secure water distribution to help their fellow learners, and, by extension, their families and communities. This project, then, was a huge success and offered many learners access to clean water that they may not have had during the hard times of the drought.

Women's Day Event

On 17 August 2018, the Rosendaal High Africa Unite School Club worked in conjunction with male teachers at Rosendaal High to plan and coordinate an event for female teachers and administration in celebration of Women's Day. The objective of the event was to validate the experiences of women and to show that women are strong and powerful in their own right, by celebrating the female teachers and role models at Rosendaal.

The event featured speakers such as the mother of one of the teachers at the school, music and door prizes, and the women participated in games and interactive activities to celebrate their power and share their experiences as women and girls throughout their lives. All of the teachers participated, and the event was a great success in also allowing all of the teachers to open up and strengthen their network as a team.

"Today we may appear young and people may not believe in us but we are going to compel them to believe in us through our achievement"

- Tony Elumelu

Rosendaal High School team discussing before the introduction of the school Club



MASIBAMBANE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Kraaifontein, Cape Town

This Club's

- Spelling BEE competition
- Spelling BEE Quiz
- Indigenous Games
- RADIO INTERVIEW
- Girl empowerment awareness campaign



SPELLING BEE COMPETITION

On the 17th of August 2018, Masibambane Africa Unite school club cabinet held a English spelling competition for grade 8s called Spelling Bee Quiz. This came after an observation and outcry by the school that many learners struggle with their English language skills. The event targeted the Grade 8 learners who are mostly still fresh from primary school. The event was held at the school library during the two last periods of school. The MC or Quizmaster was Snikilitha Nomdlembu , one of the learners from the school.

Eight classes participated and each class was represented by 3 learners. The quiz attracted over 60 learners who came to support their fellow classmates.

After many rounds of elimination, the winners were then crowned and given certificates which were designed by the AU School club. Each class had three representatives. This was a successful event for the school club and the participants as the learners had to sharpen their English spelling skills before attending the event. From this project the club got to see the talent we have in our school which is a good thing. One of the teachers mentioned to the school club that, " I hope this was not the last spelling Bee we will have in our school. "

INDIGENOUS GAMES

To celebrate Heritage Month on the 10th of September the Masibambane Secondary school club organized an indigenous games sporting event through the minister of sports and culture. The event was initiated after the school club noticed a problem where school children mostly sat and ate with no exercise or any desire to take care of their physical and mental health. Another driving aspect Majority of them do not play or have knowledge on indigenous games , games which were played by our mothers and grandmothers.

To tackle this the club decided to have a random approach instead of breaking the learners into classes and grades which could cause tension as usual. They approached groups of friends which they saw sitting and doing nothing especially grade 8 and 10 learners.

Outcome

The aim was to play for two days and leave it but the campaign generated a lot of interest in the school such that most of the learners started doing it on their own. Now all over the school they now have groups of friends playing these games in the morning, break time and even after school.



Masibambane High School team discussing before the introduction of the school Club

RADIO INTERVIEW

On the 10th of May the Masibambane school cabinet were invited by Bush Radio station to conduct an interview. The aim behind this was to let the public know what the Africa Unite School Club is and highlight some of their work and achievements in implementing their school and community activities. The President and Minister of Social development sent out emails to a few radio stations around Cape Town and luckily Bush radio invited them.

The cabinet leaders who were interviewed on the day were: Reikanne Selela (President), Kelebogile Tsimba Tsimba (Minister of social development), Ayabulela Nkopo (Minister of Environment), Ashley (assistant Minister of Information). This was a lifetime experience for the learners who up to now cannot believe that their voices were being listened to by over 50 000 listeners across the Western Cape Province.

GIRL EMPOWERMENT CAMPAIGN

On the 15th of May 2018 the school club organised a girl empowerment awareness campaign. The aim of the campaign was to empower girls in the school as one of the Life Orientation teachers approached the school club and advised them to look into the issue of girls. She informed the cabinet that she noticed that girls at the school fight against each other a lot and its becoming an issue because it is affecting their studies. The school club designed and printed posters which they hung all over the schools with empowering messages.

Through the posters, the club was trying to tell girls to unite and encourage those who's self-esteem is broken that they are still beautiful and they can do anything. The posters had everyone's attention at school and we have seen a huge decrease in girls fights and a huge increase in the number of girls that are willing to join girls support group platforms.

FONS LUMINIS SECONDARY SCHOOL

Gauteng, Soweto



Mandela Day Drug And Alcohol Abuse Campaign:
Teacher vs Learners

MANDELA DAY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE CAMPAIGN

On Mandela Day the Fons Luminus School Club painted the wall on the main entrance of the school. The event was part of a drug and alcohol abuse campaign which was initiated by the learners. Many learners in Soweto are already using drugs and the trend is becoming increasingly popular even amongst the grade 8 learners. The school club was joined by many learners who took part in the painting. A group of International students from USA also joined together with some community members

Highlights

- Mandela Day Drug and Alcohol Abuse Campaign
- Soup Kitchen
- Gender Exchange Contest
- Anti- Bullying Dialogue

Gender Exchange Contest

Due to the rise in bullying and specifically gender related bullying the school club organised a gender exchange contest. The aim of the event was to create communication between both sexes and to make male students aware of the challenges that female learners face. The learners were excited to participate in this initiative and also learnt a lot from some of the testimonies and experiences shared during the debriefing sessions.

Soup Kitchen

1 September 2018 the Fons Luminus School Club raised funds for organizing a soup kitchen targeting vulnerable learners in the school. Over 40 learners were fed and majority of the learners were grade 8 and 9. The school management and learners were proud to see such an initiative being run by learners themselves.



School Club leaders and the school patron

DR. NELSON R. MANDELA HIGH SCHOOL

CROSSROADS, CAPE TOWN



School Club Leaders visiting Ikhaya Loxolo Old Age Home

Highlights

- Feeding Scheme project
- Community clinic cleaning
- learning about the experience
- Old Age Home (MANDELA DAY visit)

FEEDING SCHEME PROJECT

The Nelson Mandela school club saw the need to change the food allocation system because learners used to fight, scramble and sometimes fight at the kitchen; sometimes others were left without food because of the disorderly manner in which they received food. In July 2018, the school club then implemented a system which changed the distribution of food to a more orderly manner. The learners no longer fetched their food at the kitchen. Each class representatives now fetches enough food per class and makes sure that get person in the class gets enough food.

Community clinic cleaning

On the 10th of August Nelson Mandela cabinet conducted a clean up campaign of the Cross Roads Phillipi clinic. The clinic management arranged gloves, face masks and plastic bags to collect all dirt and also protect the learners from the dirt. The President, four ministers and two parliamentarians cleaned the yard outside the clinic and made sure that it looked neat. The club members also wanted the community of Nyanga to see that the learners from Nelson Mandela could make a positive contribution to the community and care about the community.

Old Age Home (MANDELA DAY)

Ikhaya Loxolo is an old age home for frail and elderly people. The Nelson Mandela school club sees it as a diamond mine, because the senior people who live there have so much wisdom and good stories. In July 2017, Nelson Mandela school club members adopted 5 senior citizens and pledged to visit them on a regular basis.

On Mandela day this year the school club visited the home to speak to the elders about the youth of 1976 and also ask them about that time in their lives.

They asked questions like "How they could describe that time", one answered, "I remember many songs, because singing was a form of motivation and unity amongst the youth, no matter what was happening, once we started singing, it was all okay".

They shared the good and the bad moments of the period and the school club members could learn about the liberation struggle from the elderly.

As they said goodbye, some of the senior people started to become sad and others were crying because they had such a good time just speaking to us. The school club is happy to have adopted these great grandparents



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RECYCLING AWARENESS

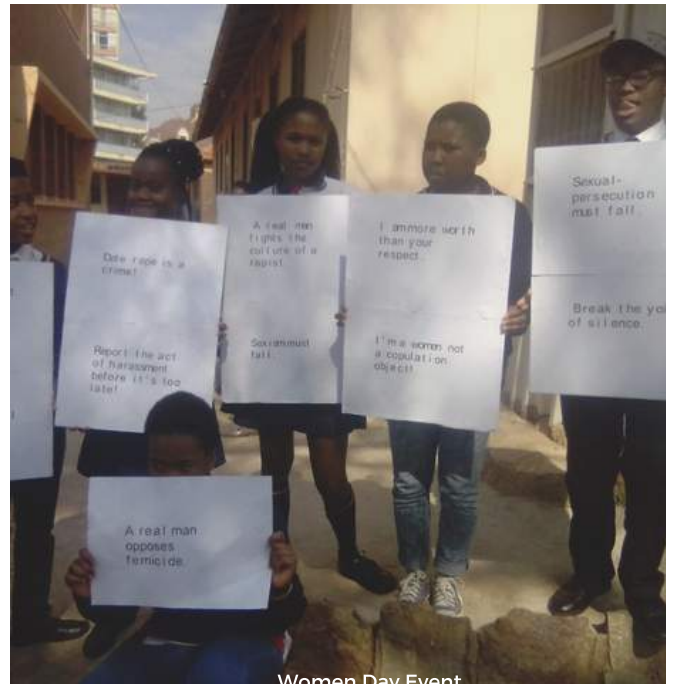
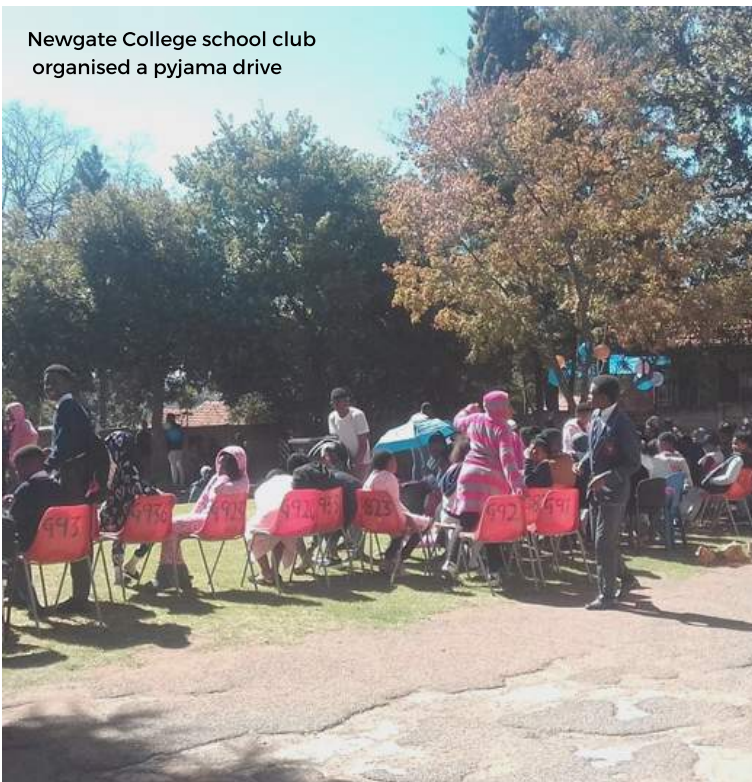
In order to raise funds Newgate College school club organised a pyjama drive where all learners were asked to bring their pyjamas and pay a small fee. The funds raised were supposed to be used for a school feeding scheme.

Following the pyjama drive the school club collected plastic bottle caps which they handed over to a recycling company. The funds from this initiative were also used to boost the school feeding scheme.

Total Shutdown Against femicide

The Newgate School Club participated in the intersectional march against gender-based violence (GBV), which will take place on Wednesday, August 1 across all nine provinces and in Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia. The school club president was also invited to speak which was a huge opportunity for the school club as the event was covered by various media platforms.

Newgate College school club organised a pyjama drive



Women Day Event

In partnership with Sexual Violence in Schools in South Africa (SeVissa) and Teddy Bear clinic organised a women's day event targeting female students from different grades. The purpose of the event was to empower the young females with various knowledge and insights on how women can mobilise themselves in addressing the culture of violence. One of the outcomes was that, the president, minister of information and public relations and the minister of environment and health were invited to attend a capacity building training camp on women's rights by SeVissa.

Xenophobia Awareness Campaign

During the recent 2018 attacks and looting of foreign owned shops in Johannesburg, the school club initiated a #Xenophobiamustfall Campaign. The club designed posters and pasted them around the schools in order to raise awareness against this dehumanizing act.

3RD ANNUAL RED CARPET AWARDS

To encourage and motivate our young change makers to continue their outstanding work in building safer and inclusive schools, Africa Unite hosted its third Annual Red Carpet Awards at the Cape Town City hall on the 28th of November 2018. The awards are held in the presence of various guests from government, NGOs, private sectors, schools and other partners of Africa Unite. Over 25 awards were given to best performing individuals and schools with Masibambane High School scooping the highly anticipated best school club of the year for the second time in row.



School Club Leaders taking pictures on the Red Carpet



Attendees watching the Annual Red Carpet Gala proceedings from their seats



Rosendaal High School Club member Awarded



Principals, Patrons and Matrons appreciated for their great work and support of school club programme



CONCLUSION

The above activities undertaken by the learners clearly show that the AU school club has become a tool of addressing pressing issues with learners showing a keen interest and commitment to improving and transforming their schools and community: This programme is ideal as these schools have for a long time been the playground for the drug lords and gangsters. We have seen and are experiencing young learners who want to be part of this transformation in building a new culture of respect and dignity in their school, environment and community. A Special thanks goes to all the 8 schools, patrons, matrons, principals and advisory board members from the schools and communities in which the AU School Clubs are operating. Without their support and guidance the learners would not have achieved all this.

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