NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY

Guiding Future Leaders

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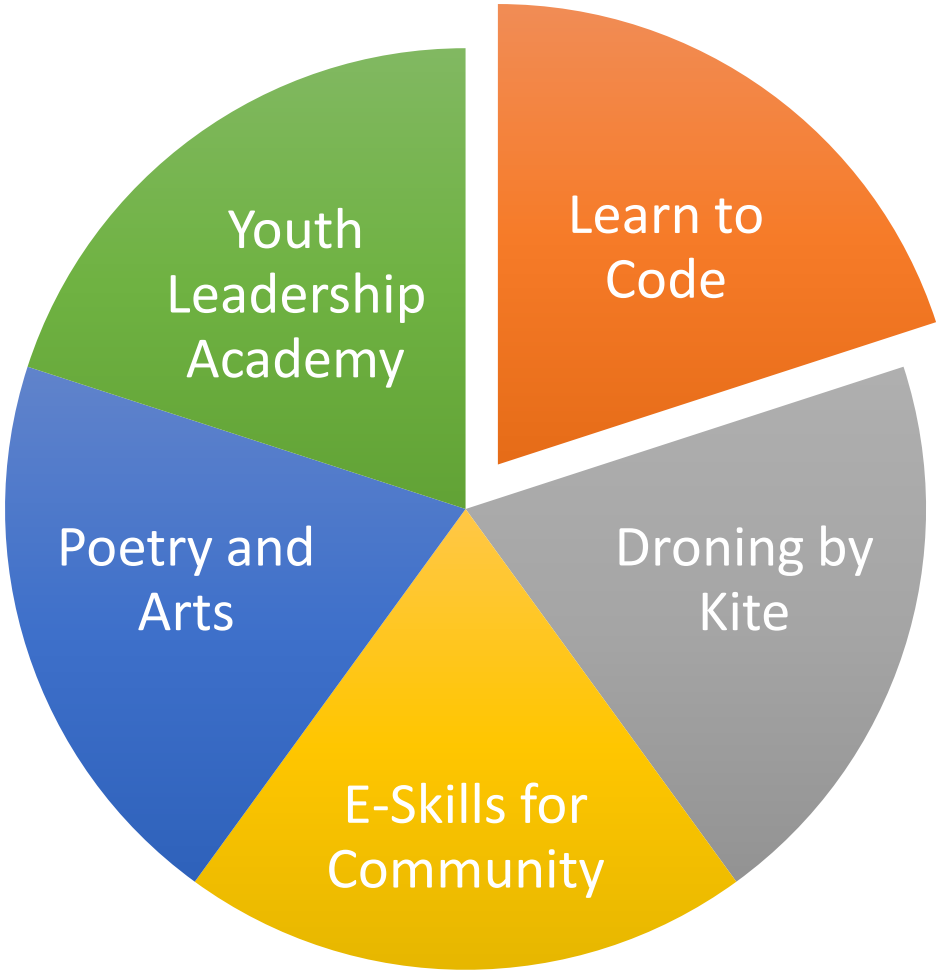
Youth engagement is a central principle of **youth** development. ... From a political point of view, **youth engagement** is **important** because young people deserve the right to represent their own interests. **Youth** civic **engagement** is also critically **important** to prepare young people to be active citizens in a democracy.

Community Engagement Projects 2018



Youth Leadership Academy

- Initiative started in 2012
- Grade 11 learners at schools in Northern Areas
- The FamHealth-Nelson Mandela University Youth Leadership Academy's mission is to educate the youth, strengthen the family and rebuild the community by aiding and supporting the educational, spiritual, moral and social development of at-risk-youth
- Main Aim/Objectives
  - To teach the youth skills that they will need in order to become successful adults.
  - To creating new relationships with adults and peers, further connecting them to their community and enlarging their support network.
  - To gain a better understanding of the community and its diversity.
  - To assist youth to acquire a more positive stature in the community.
  - To assist youth in gaining a better appreciation for adults and the multiple roles they can play.
  - To assist youth to see their own potential as limitless.
  - To assist youth to view the world, and their ability to affect it, in a positive way.
  - To create a platform where youth feel needed and useful.
  - To create a feeling amongst youth of enhanced power, autonomy, and self- esteem.
- Achievements: 120 learners graduated to date

“Enthusiasm is Caught not Taught”

I will always start with the end in mind, and remember that my real job is to effectively lead others, honestly create value for society and make the world a better place through my actions.

I will do my very best to apply the things that I know to be true and will “do the right thing” in all my actions so as to be respected by others and guard my self-respect. I will be a person who creates clear vision. I will think strategically and look at the “big picture” in serving my peers, family and community.

I will work hard to make my activities both effective and efficient in achieving results, and I will do my level best to make it easier for people to get things done and feel appreciated, respected and empowered.

I will not confuse being busy with being productive. I will stay focused on the results that need to be achieved and the daily actions that drive these results in every area of my life.

I will not waste time: not mine nor that of other people.

I will remember that good relationships are more valuable than gold, excellent listening skills are critical in every area of my life, and that my attitude will always have a profound effect on others and outcomes.

I will use my talent, time and treasure to serve my family, friends, and community and will always look for the good in others.

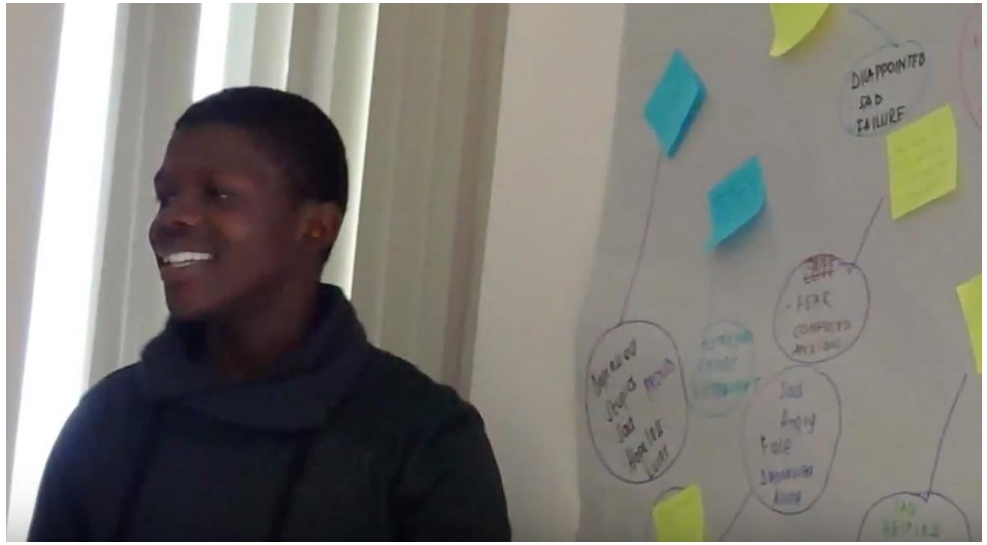
I will work hard to maintain balance in every area of my life and practice continuous improvement both personally and professionally all my days!

I will live my life without regrets, making the most of every day!

I will always remember that life, health, work, money, food, clothing, people, leading and learning are all blessings that must never be taken for granted!

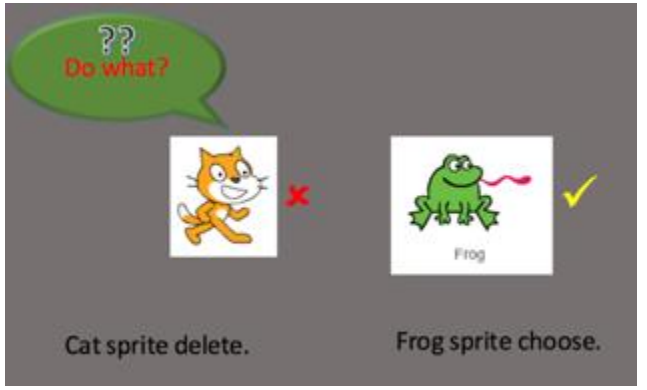
Introduction to Youth Leadership Academy
The Journey to become a leader
Street law – what are my rights?
Building meaningful relationships
Personal and spiritual wellness
Social entrepreneurship
Asset Based Community Development
Achieving your dream
Study techniques
Sexual harassment
Gangsterism, violence, drugs - the social impacts
Career Guidance – where do I fit in?
Relationship management, networking and assertiveness
The mind a powerful tool
Innovation and sustainable entrepreneurship
Using the Arts for Community Development
Cyber Security
Public Speaking
The media and the leader
Basic First Aid
Economics, entrepreneurship and role of business & government in society
Emotional intelligence
Team Building Day
Graduation ceremony

Youth Leadership Academy Highlights



Learn-to-Code

- Initiative started in 2016
- Initial uptake was slow, but now numbers increased
- 180 primary school learners – grade 6 and 7
  - Girls 102
  - Boys 78
- Main Aim/Objectives
  - To introduce computer literacy and computer programming to learners in underprivileged and under resourced schools/communities through the use of Scratch and programmable toys.
- Subject of Focus of Enrichment Programme
  - Information Technology
  - Mathematics
- Achievements:
  - Increase in numbers
  - More schools requesting to be part of initiative



Drone by Kite

- Initiative started in 2017
- Initial uptake was slow, but now numbers increased
- 20 primary school learners – grade 6 and 7
- Main Aim/Objectives
  - To expose learners to STEM subjects
  - To create an active interest in STEM subjects in a fun manner.
- Subject of Focus of Enrichment Programme
  - Information Technology
  - Mathematics
  - Science
- Achievements:
  - Increase in numbers
  - More schools requesting to be part of initiative

Poetry and Arts

- Collaboration with NGO and schools in Helenvale
- Helenvale Poets
  - How did it start
  - Way to express and contribute towards healing
  - Computer literacy added new dimension

Why is this important?

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