



Grantee bios and project briefs

Andrew Julius Bende

Youth Open Forum for Involvement, Discussion and Solution Building

Andrew has a bachelor's degree in economics and philosophy from Makerere University's faculty of social sciences. His project seeks to bring together the youth of Mayuge district to discuss issues facing them through a soccer and netball league, monthly group brainstorming sessions, youth forum sessions, trainings by expert youth trainers, music dance and drama presentations and monthly video shows.

Dan Ngabirano

Cultivating a culture of openness and transparency among the youth in Uganda using access to information law

Ngabirano Dan is currently working a Research Assistant at the Faculty of Law, Makerere University. He has conducted research in human rights, good governance, international law, peace, conflict and justice. He is also serving in the Makerere University Guild as the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. Dan's project will train student leaders in institutions of learning on access to information as a tool for fighting corruption and engendering efficiency, transparency and accountability within their institutions.

David Kagoro Byaruhanga

Promoting Environmental Conservation Amongst Out Of School Youth in the Oil Rich Albertine Region

David holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Administration and Economics from Makerere University. Since 2003, he has been working with communities in Nutrition, HIV/AIDS and income generation. The project will train student leaders in institutions of learning on access to information as a tool for fighting corruption and engendering efficiency, transparency and accountability in these institutions.

Dickson Baseke

Mobilizing Young Wetland Defenders

Dickson is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in Technological Studies at Kyambogo University. He has a passion for nature, having served as chairperson of his local Wildlife Club and worked as a volunteer with the Wildlife Clubs of Uganda. His project will employ a

range of activities to raise young people's concerns about the future of Wetlands in Mukono, Kayunga and Jinja and in the process mobilize them into wetland defenders.

Kangere Edgar and Byara Arthur**Project Title: The herald, a writer's journal**

Edgar, the youngest of five children, is currently a fourth year student of Law at Makerere University while Byara Arthur, a first born, is currently in his final year at Makerere University's faculty of Law. Their project, The Herald writer's journal, will bring together and showcase the talents of young people between the ages of 18 to 26 interested in being agents of social transformation.

Jacquiline Amongin**Deepening youth understanding and participation in the East African Community processes**

Amongin Jacquiline holds a Degree in Environment Management from Makerere University and a post-graduate diploma in leadership and management from the Advanced Institute of Management. Her project aims to sensitize the young people of the East African Community and encourage their interest and participation in its processes. The project will also empower the youth with ICT skills through the use of blogs through which they will be able to link up with their counterparts in other East African countries.

Nakato Martha Asilo**Green Empowerment Project- promoting youth based micro-interventions in environmental conservation**

Nakato recently graduated from Uganda Christian University, Mukono with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work and Social Administration. Her project will educate young students on the importance of environmental conservation by engaging them in tree planting and other practical activities.

Natalie Kimbugwe**Using Technologies to Bridge the Information gap on the Ssesse Islands**

Natalie Kimbugwe holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Ethics and Development Studies from Uganda Martyrs University Nkozi. Her project will employ and highlight the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) such as mobile phones, computers, radios, televisions and cameras as a way of bridging the information gap existing between mainland Uganda and Bugala Island, one of the 84 Ssesse Islands located on Lake Victoria.

Karuhanga K Gerald

Is Traditional Justice effective? [Traditional Justice Vs International Criminal Court (ICC)]

Gerald served as speaker and president of the student Guild during his time as a Bachelor of Laws degree student at Makerere University. His project is aimed at helping the youth of Northern Uganda to understand some of the main legal systems at work in the reconstruction of the war-torn region; namely The ICC, The War Court and traditional rituals such as Mato Oput.

Sam Muhumuza

Project Title: Youth sensitization on land reforms

Sam Muhumuza, a B.A. degree holder in Tourism from Makerere University, also has post-graduate qualifications in Law, Project Planning and Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Conflict Resolution and Gender Mainstreaming. His project will provide information to youth leaders and the local communities in Fort-Portal community in order to promote awareness on how to regularize ownership of their land through information centers, referral systems and other organizing tools.

Lynn Turyatemba.

Project Title: Demystifying the law

Lynn Turyatemba is a lawyer by profession and is currently pursuing her bar course at the Law Development Centre, Kampala. Her project will make basic legal knowledge in the areas of; fundamental human rights, land, domestic relations and traffic & road safety; available to youth leaders in the district local councils of Luwero, Nakaseke and Nakasongola. The project also seeks to promote peaceful ways of problem solving by training youth leaders on *ADR- Alternative Dispute Resolution* methods.

Wakib Bunya:

Project Title: open space forum

Wakib is currently pursuing a Bachelors' degree in Land Surveying at Makerere University. His project, The Open Space Forum (OSF), offers a platform for young people in Universities to call for positive change around the world through tolerant, nonviolent means such as public lectures, debates, opinion polls, press releases, newsletters, blogs, editorials, public service announcements, and meetings with community and governmental leaders. It is Wakib's hope that the project will provide the youth with a forum to participate in crucial debates and dialogues on governance regardless of their political views.

Tonnie Lubanga and Doreen Asiimwe

Transformational Leadership Program

The transformational Leadership Program (TLP) will employ trainings, mentoring and discussion forums to ignite the transformational leadership potential in young emerging leaders in schools in readiness for future participation in more challenging and complex leadership roles.

Florence Mirembe and Ruth Ankunda
Too good for drugs (raising young peoples' voices on 'no to drugs')

Ruth Ankunda, 22 years old, has just completed a Bachelors' degree in organizational psychology while Florence, 28 years old, has been working with young people for the past five years. The 'Too Good for Drugs' campaign project will produce a documentary featuring the experiences of young people who have abused drugs in order to create awareness of the problem among the youth, parents, and key decision makers.

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