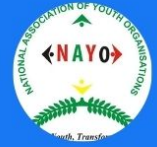


Newsletter



Youth engages the Media, as calls are growing for youth to register to vote in 2023 harmonized elections

As enshrined in the Constitution of Zimbabwe through section 67 (1), that 'every Zimbabwean has the right to free, fair and regular elections for any elective public office established in terms of this Constitution or any other law', young people engaged in the media to spread the word on the importance of participation in electoral processes.



NAYO Continues to Improve Constitutional Awareness.

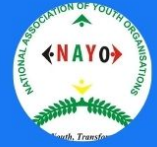
A deeper understanding of the Constitution among young people will help in securing the country's future and development. NAYO is actively promoting constitutional awareness among young people in Zimbabwe, including persons with disabilities.



Natalie Gwatirisa takes the road to raise awareness of Climate Change

There remains a significant gap between the percentage of people with an awareness of climate change and those taking action to solve the problem, especially in Africa. In 2021, Natalie launched a climate justice campaign called All For Climate Action (AFCA) to raise social awareness of climate change through the active participation of young people before converting the campaign into an environmental organization at the same time volunteering with other environmental and youth organizations locally, regionally, and internationally.

Newsletter



When the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) embarked on the 2nd Mobile registration blitz, NAYO convened various media houses through a press conference. NAYO through the #LeaveNoYouthBehind presser encouraged youth to take advantage of the process by the Registrar General to acquire birth certificates and national identity cards to be able to register to vote and vote in the 2023 elections.

The #LeaveNoYouthBehind which is based on five pillars: Go Educate, Go Mobilize, Go, Register, Go Vote and Go Demand encourages young people to be champions in national development by registering to vote and vote in the 2023 elections. NAYO also called on the Zimbabwe Electoral Commission (ZEC) to continuously produce youth appropriate and friendly messaging on voter education and civic education to ensure that youth have adequate information to allow their

effective and full participation in the voter registration blitz. NAYO implored the government to seriously consider the introduction of civic education anchored on the constitution of Zimbabwe across all levels of education to inculcate a culture of active and responsible civic engagement and participation.

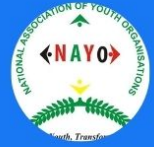


Natalie Gwatirisa takes the road to raise awareness of Climate Change

Recently, AFCA launched the #RaceToZeroPlastics raising awareness of plastic pollution to sustainably live in harmony with nature.

The Race to Zero Plastics initiative approach to building the evidence base on plastic use, and bridging the gap between science and policy examines the relevant literature on behavior change, psychology, and environmental issues to learn which strategies can be effective and which might be counterproductive when it comes to shifting people's actions around plastic.

Newsletter



Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission (ZHRC) Visits Zengeza East NAYO-CIVACTS Residents Group

NAYO conducted a Community Listening Meeting with Chitungwiza residents, and the meeting was also graced by the Zimbabwe Human Rights Commission to listen to the water challenges in Chitungwiza. Water rights are a fundamental right enshrined in the constitution of Zimbabwe.

Section 77 of the Constitution states that "every person has a right to safe, clean and potable water and the State must take reasonable legislative and other measures, within the limits of the resources available to it, to achieve the progressive realization of this right." With the serious shortages of this precious and life-saving liquid, Chitungwiza residents are demanding their source of water in form of the Muda Dam.

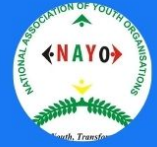
Youth and residents in Chitungwiza shared the various challenges they continue to face in their community around water rights also including drug abuse which has led to a detrimental impact on society.

The ZHRC commission engaged the residents and explained its roles and responsibilities and further steps it will take to consult the relevant authorities on the access to clean, safe and reliable water in Chitungwiza. Youth in Chitungwiza shared the various challenges they continue to face in their community including drug abuse which has led to a detrimental impact on society.

NAYO Continue to Capacitate prospective First-Time Young Voters.

On the 6th of April 2022, NAYO had an Online Capacity Building Training for the Prospective First Time Voters. The purpose of the training was to capacitate prospective First Time Young Voters, by imparting civic skills to the youth to enable them to understand their civic roles and duties. The online training focused on; The legal frameworks underpinning elections in Zimbabwe, Why the Youth should participate in the 2023 voting process, Unpacking Voter registration process, the Voters roll Inspection process, electorate responsibilities and rights of voters, The voting process, and Pre-requisites critical to contest for political office, Election cycle summary and Strategies for Behavior Change.

Newsletter



Voting is a civic right and responsibility through which young people contribute to democracy. The Leave No Youth Behind Campaign has provided civic education and assisted thousands of young people across the country to register to vote. Throughout the month NAYO carried out mobilization across the country. The campaign also worked with #Ekhayavote, the Bulawayo province Leave No Youth Behind team reached over 2 000 young people with voter registration information

in a single constituency with hundreds of new registrations and transfers.



Kwekweza Shines in a Speech Contest

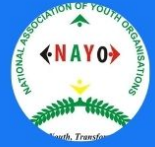
Namatai Kwekweza a prolific youth leader with a consistent personality has raised the Zimbabwe flag high after winning the Southern Africa Toastmasters Speech Competition. The competition is part of the Toastmasters International speech contest. Kwekweza will represent the country in the next stages of

the competition at the international level. If she progresses, Kwekweza will reach the 2022 World Championship of Public Speaking.

Apart from making a name at the international level, Kwekweza has been consistent at the national level, with the passion to transform the lives of young people through several programs and initiatives. Recently Kwekweza has been linked to a constitutional storm in the communities, where she is taking the Zimbabwe constitution to various parts of the nation through WeLead Trust an organization she founded to transform the lives of young people in Zimbabwe.



Newsletter



NAYO Continues to Improve Constitutional Awareness

Through our constitutional hubs, several dialogues and capacity sessions have been conducted across the country, in which youth can discuss the constitution and its implementation.

These engagements are aimed at making young people aware of the power of the Constitution in national governance, rights, and responsibilities.

Throughout the month NAYO carried out constitutional meetings in Kadoma-Sanyati, Macheke, Umzingwani, Gwanda, Bindura, and Mutasa. Through the program, NAYO seeks to boost grassroots voices and increase their visibility and knowledge of the constitution of Zimbabwe.



Women Excel Trust Launches Campaign to Prevent Child Marriage

Ending Child Marriage, and child rape remains a priority for 2022. Child Marriage is a violation of Human rights and robs the childhood, future, hopes, and dreams of many girls. Ending child marriage and guaranteeing girls' rights means a fairer, more secure, and prosperous future for all. Women Excel Trust has

managed to launch the Regai Dzive Shiri campaign, an anti-child marriage campaign that seeks to call for stiffer penalties on perpetrators of Child marriages from Cape to Cairo.

The youth-led organization is working with AGYW in tertiary institutions and has managed to set up chapters in four Universities in Zimbabwe, one in Botswana, and two in Tanzania. Women Excel Trust has managed to engage men in the gender discourse under the Gota Rapinda Munhanga initiative and the response so far is positive for men now acknowledge that gender equality is not only a fight by women but its everyone's responsibility to push for a gender just society.