



YOUTH EVENT REPORT

CLIMATE CHANGE AND MITIGATION

On the 15th of June 2024 Isithembiso hosted a youth event at Ncera Information Resource Centre, targeting youth in the Ncera community in order to address them about climate change. As a rural community, farming community climate change affects small holder farmers because they don't afford insurances and they often loose their crops to droughts or flooding which are common during unexpected seasons. Youth have an immense power to influence policy and as future stewards of the planet they have a significant role to play in the story of climate change even at household and community level

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GUEST SPEAKER

Ambesa Dlanga Youth Ambassador

She addressed youth about the dangers of not recycling waste particularly plastic that does not degrade over a period of time instead it ends up in the ocean and killing aquatic life. She also touched on air pollution that affects our health as humans as well as animals. She encouraged youth to recycle more and make beautiful artifacts to decorate their homes.

Ludwe Majiza Vunikhaya Permaculture

His contribution was to assist youth to view farming as means to develop youth as responsible stewards of the planet through sustainable farming methods such as composting, tree planting. Ludwe assisted the youth to understand the diversity of careers in Agriculture mentioning things like food processing, logistics, inputs making, journalism, facilitation etc.



During a practical session he demonstrated how to make a compost as a means of mitigating climate change, instead of burning organic waste causing more damage its better to recycle it through

MITIGATION STRATEGIES AT HOUSEHOLD LEVEL

Ambesa Dlanga our Youth Ambassador addressed the youth about recycling she learned from the art class she attended at the resource center during summer holidays. The knowledge and skills she learned from the program assisted her with her school project



The crowd singing for Ambesa before her address



composting.

He also touched on the value of planting trees which is an act of love not only for the planet but for the future generations who will benefit from this gesture. The trees that they planted in the center were donated by the local farmers, growing them on containers that would otherwise end up in illegal dumping site



Tree planting demonstration at the center where kids will be able to water and see it grow



Zamile Kuwana Thandizam Trading

He is the environmental activist who has started a waste picking business in Mdantsane Township, he is an advocate for environmental justice. He encouraged the youth to take the initial step of cleaning their environment and not wait for the government, also emphasized the income generation side of waste picking. Also highlighted the challenges that him and his team are facing where the municipality is not supporting their efforts but mentioned the importance of resilience in the face of difficulties. But he extended a helping hand whenever the youth need support



Ayanda Tyhokolo Siyinyanda Youth

Siyinyanda is a Xhosa word used when women fetch fire wood from the forest and packing the wood together and tying them neatly, Ayanda encouraged the youth to stick to like minded adults so that they can make the best of their youth. He highlighted the dangers of choosing bad friends who are inclined in criminal activity and emphasized his passion for farming. The role youth can play in holding the law maker accountable when it comes to decisions they make the country. Mentioned the victory of the communities against the drilling of our oceans, like Inyanda those communities worked together and successfully challenged the minister of energy. Young people can right and sign petitions that challenges ill decisions that will affect them well in the future.



Bulelwa L. Bosa Amaso eAfrica Seed Savers

Bulelwa focused on indigenous seed saving as another way of combating climate change because these seeds are adapted to the local climate and also mentioned the mulching practice to reduce carbon footprint.



Mncedi Banethi Sakhulutsha Youth Development



Sakhulutsha focused on business side of farming, waste management and seed saving. Identified typed of businesses that youths can register and importance of compliance in order to secure funding as well business growth. Sakhulutsha also looked bullying and substance abuse which are one of the changes young people are faced with.

Sgt Mbonelwa SAPS

SAPS talked about the meaningful youth engagement in combating criminality within the communities. Community Policing Forum is one structure the youth can be part of to protect community assests from vandalism and general theft. They also explained that police have a new service when youth can request assistance with CV typing or printing, this initiative is to distigmatized police as community enemies but for them to be regognized as allies.



Asemahle Njajubana Embo Yakwantu

Asemehla and her team came to the event to put into practice their Mojo Journalism skills that they received from AN training. She also shared words of encouragement for young people to take on agriculture due to its multiple benefits, she mentioned food security, business as well as no hustle of writing cv or attending interviews. She also mentioned the Mojo journalism that has given her an opportunity to write about this event and other stories that they have covered.



Kids drawing and coloring drawings about seasons of the year



FINANCIAL

ITEM	AMOUNT BUDGETED	AMOUNT ACTUALLY SPENT
Tent hire	R1000.00	R1000.00
Refreshments	R2500.00	R1721.76
Arts & craft	R850.00	R589.80
Transport & travel stipends	R3800.00	R3280
Electricity		R200
Airtime/ Data		R200
		R6991.56

EVENT OUTCOME

The event was well attended which made it a success, one of our villages on Monday held a village meeting where they engaged youth and a recycling group has been established. Rea chief has sent an email expressing her interest in supporting the clean up of the dumping sites. Thandizam Trading has pledged support in establishment of the buyback Centre.

Vunikhaya Permaculture will be supporting our youth with monthly training sessions on facilitation skills and Amaso eAfrica Seed Savers will do likewise. Finally our local radio station Icamagu Live captured the moment and written an article which can be accessed on their Facebook page. Sakhulutsha will continue with its business clinics to support youth enterprises.

Isithembiso is very much grateful for the support the Adaptation network have afforded us to host the event and impact that it has on the youth.