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APPRECIATION

It is our candid pleasure to present to you the 2nd edition of the Youth Voices Magazine, a platform 'for' and 'by' the young people. This platform is purposely intended to empower youth with skills and opportunities to become active citizens.

Since its creation in 2002, NAR's work has been centered around engaging youth to become active citizens through empowering them with various skills and knowledge on critical thinking, peace education, psycho education, leadership and participatory governance, sustainable livelihood and the use of expressive approaches to share opinions with others.

Our vision is to be the trusted and renowned source of information where youth are actively engaged and connected in shaping a more inclusive, peaceful and sustainable society through sharing significant content that inspires and drives to positive change. This edition is comprised of content that is educative, informative, inspiring and entertaining.

On that note, on behalf of Youth Voices, we would like to thank all of you, who in one way or another contributed to this edition.

To all the authors, thank you for sharing your personal stories, views, ideas and experiences with us. We also extend our gratitude to all NAR affiliated youth clubs and all other youth that have continuously collaborated with us. We hope to continue working with you in making Youth Voices more colorful and most importantly impactful in helping youths become active citizens.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

As part of the annual commemoration of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi, Never Again Rwanda is organizing the 8th annual youth conference on commemoration policy and practices of 1994 genocide against the Tutsi, scheduled to take place on April 19th, 2019. We shall send invitations to youth to participate in the event.

About Youth Voices
A platform 'by' and 'for' youth, aimed at championing for their voices. We invite youth to send poems, articles, and opinions on any topic of interest in our community.

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INDA ZITATEGANYIJWE:

BABYEYI NTIMUKADUTERERANE

Yanditswe na Urusaro Sharon

Kera nkiri umwana nabanaga na mukadata kuko papa atahabaga cyane. Sinabonaga ibyo nkeneye nk'abandi bana, ntawangiraga inama ndetse nahoraga nigunze kubera kutitabwaho no kubura uburenganzira nk'abandi.

Nakuranye ubwoba, umubabaro n'ubwigunge kuko ntigeze nisanga cyangwa ngo nisanzure iwacu. Mukadata yamfataga nabi cyane nkabura uko murega kuri Papa, kuko nawe namutinyaga nkanatinya kubateranya. Mu bwangavu bwanjye, ntawe nari mfite ngisha inama cyangwa mbwira ibimbabaje, yewe ntawanyumvaga! N'uko natangiye gukurikira ibyo nabonaga bagenzi banjye bakora. Bakuraga amafaranga mu bagabo ndavuga nti nanjye reka mbigerageze, ntwara inda ntyo. Uwo mugabo wanyizezaga ibitangaza yahise anyihakana mubwiye ko ntwite ambwira ko atari we wenyine utera inda.

Papa abimenye aranyirukana ngo nimenye, nyamara abona ko nta bushobozi na buke mfite. Nari mfite imyaka 19, mbura umwaka umwe ngo ndangize amashuri yisumbuye. Amasomo nayahagaritse ubwo, mu buzima buruhije ntangira gucumbika hirya no hino muri bene wacu kugeza aho mukuru wanjye wo kwa Data wacu yatangiye kunyishyurira inzu mbamo. Ubuzima buracyakomeye, kwitunga n'umwana wanjye biracyangora cyane, kuko nta mashuri ndetse nta kazi, gusa ndateganya gusubira mu ishuri ubundi nkongera nkatangira ubuzima, kandi nizeye ko nzabigeraho.

Sinshaka ko umukobwa wanjye azanyura mu byo nanyuzemo. Nabuze urukundo rwa kibyezi bintera gushukwa. Ariko ubwo nanjye ndi umubyeyi, nzakora uko nshoboye umwana wanjye abone ibyo akeneye, ejo atazifuzaga agatega amaboko abagabo. Nzamuha ibyo nabuze; nzamwereka urukundo, mubere inshuti yisanzuraho, abwira amabanga, n'ibishuko ahura nabyo bityo mbone uko mugira inama nzima y'uko yabyitwaramo.

INDA ZITATEGANYIJWE:

IYO MBIMENYA

Yanditswe na Samson Hategekimana.

Maze kumenya ko nateye umukobwa inda, nahise mpagarika amashuri kugirango nshakishye uko namutungaga n'uwo mwana wanjye. Nari mfite imyaka 17 n'uwo mukobwa tungana. Byari bigoye kuko nta mashuri ahagijye nari mfite cyangwa ubundi bumenyi runaka. Nagombye gukora imirimo ivunanye cyane irenze n'imbaraga zanjye, ngo ngire icyo mbona kandi nacyo kidahagijye. Ku myaka 19, nafashe icyemezo cyo kubana n'uwo mukobwa gusa kubana turi bato byatumye imibanire yacu itaba myiza cyane ko usanga n'ubu dupfa ubusa, tutazi gukemura amakimbirane, duhora dusigana.

Iyo mbimenya nari kwitonda. Nari kwirinda. Mba narabanje nkitegura, nkiga, nkubaka imibereho, jye n'abanjye tukabaho neza. Umugore wanjye namwiciye ubuzima nanjye ntisize kandi biturutse k'uburangare. Ubu mfite abana babiri ku myaka 23, ariko uretse kwiringira Imana biragoye kubona ko hari icyo nzageraho kigaragara. Basore namwe bakobwa murabe menge murebe kure cyane. Mwiubake kandi mwumvire inama nzima aho kumvira irari ry'imibiri yanyu cyangwa agakungu kabashora mu bibi, mwirinde igihe mubinaniwe mukoreshe agakingirizo.

URUKARI



Yanditswe na Mahoro Margret [Umubyeyi]

INDA ZITATEGANYIJWE: N'ABAHUNGU BIRABAREBA

Kibazo cy'inda zitateganyijwe kizahaje urubyiruko rw'uyu muni ntabwo kireba abana b'abakobwa gusa, kiratureba twese. Ababyeyi n'abarezi muri rusange bakwiye gufata umwana uhagijye wo kuganiriza abana b'abahungu n'abakobwa ku buzima bw'imyororokere. Impamvu n'uko akenshi izi nyigisho zisa nk'izagenewe abakobwa gusa kandi nyamara abahungu bagira uruhare rungana n'urw'abakobwa mu gutera iki kibazo. Nibyo koko Ingaruka k'umukobwa ziraremereye ariko nanone ibyo sibyo byashingirwaho mu gutanga ubu bumenyi. Umwana w'umuhungu akwiye kumenya ko uko mushiki we yatwara inda nawe ari ko yayitera kandi bose bazagerwaho n'ingaruka mbi. Abana b'abahungu n'abakobwa bahuguwe neza ku bijyanye n'imyororokere bafata ibyemezo batekerejeho bityo bakirinda izo nda zitateganyijwe. Ubu bumenyi bubafasha kumenya; imihindagurikire y'umubiri, igihe cyo gusama n'icyo kudasama, ndetse n'uburyo butandukanye bwakwifashishwa mu kwirinda igihe kwifata bidashobotse.



Q&A

"Everything you need is within you"

A sit down with
Rwandan Artist

ANDY
Bumuntu

Q: What inspired you to start your music career?

A: I loved to sing in the first place and I also loved making a positive impact in the lives of others. So, pursuing music as a career was a way of combining both.

Q: You like to sing about life stories, are they personal experiences?

A: Sometimes they are my personal stories and sometimes they're not. It's either what I feel, what I see, or what I wish to see.

Q: What is the inspiration behind your latest song "I appreciate"?

A: It is a gospel song and I have always been willing to sing a song to thank the Lord because I have always been grateful to God for what he has done for me personally and for our country but I didn't expect it to be this soon. Before writing "I appreciate," I had a lot of songs recorded and "I appreciate" came in a dream.

Q: Tell us about that dream

A: In the dream: "I was at war leading a group of soldiers and we got to a place where we were told that we can't cross because there was an ambush. So, we went to hide and after a few minutes, my team started shouting and singing. I got angry and tried to stop them but they kept going. The melody they were singing was the chorus of "I appreciate." I woke up singing "I appreciate! I appreciate!" and then I started writing it.

Q: The music industry has been labelled non-lucrative especially for many in Africa. This hinders some talented people from pursuing music. What is your take on that?

A: Whatever you do, the first thing should be: do you love it? Apart from it bringing you money do you enjoy doing it? If yes, then there is always a way. Even though our industry is still young compared to those in other countries I believe that, when you push you get there.

Q: On the other side there are others who disregard education because they are talented. What do you say about that?

A: Education is really important but to me it's not about physics or biology, it is more of that journey of discipline, openness, competitiveness, and intellectual growth, it's important but it's also vital to still follow what you love. There is no single career that guarantees wealth but when you do what you love with passion, you really make it.

Q: What is your message to youth especially on peacebuilding and participating in bettering their communities?

A: No matter what career you do you cannot be successful if you are doing it in an unsafe place. The first thing to build is peace in our country, amongst ourselves. This is because our country has gone through a lot and we cannot afford to go back. The unity among us Rwandans is what is going to take us to the next step.

Q: What can you tell those that aspire to be like you and want to be successful?

A: I think the first person one should aspire to be is themselves. In a world that is constantly trying to change us, one should actually fight so hard to be who they truly are. That is where the magic lies. Everything you need is within you. Additionally, success is a byproduct of discipline, consistency and being visionary.

Q: Why did you choose Andy Bumuntu as your stage name?

A: Andy is my real name but Bumuntu is a name I purposely chose because its meaning is the valuable thing I have and want to reflect in all that I do including music. "Ubumuntu," which means humanity, signifies what differentiates human beings from animals: the love we have for each other putting the interests of others before ours.

Q&A

Every issue, we bring you a Q&A with your celebrity or on a hot topic that matters to you

ANDY
Bumuntu

Different but very similar

Story by Shema *Clinton*

Life after high school can be baffling. From the days when we thought it's a relief to complete high school to the days of getting broke and bored at home. High school graduates spend their time in various ways depending on where they come from or the opportunities they meet thereafter. But again, when you look at the general view of the fact that many of these youth are jobless, how they spend their time is quite similar. Waking up at different times, watching different television programs, doing sports, hanging out with friends, tireless use of social media among others are the activities most of us engage in after high school.



Life

After High School



Time for self-discovery: Take caution though

Finishing high school was a dream come true. I remember counting the years back then, thinking it would never get to this point in life but now that I am here, I take this as a golden opportunity to actually discover myself. There were so many limitations to our self-discovery in school as most of our concentration was on studies. Considering this, I choose to use this gap year to put my life in order embracing all good and bad changes coming along while making responsible choices. We ought to be wise and conscious as we connect to the world, because being young adults might expose us to not only positive things but a lot of negatives as well.

Story by Uwase *Samira*

The Gap Year: Dull but Promising

Story by Jerry *Minega*

The six years of secondary school to most students, myself included, are spent looking up to the day they are done, fantasizing about their gap year classic job opportunities, an independent life free from a national calendar of studies. A week after the "breakthrough" there is no sleep left in the graduate's eye despite all the sleepless nights in the final days of high school. Two months down the line, idleness is proven to actually be more tiresome than the heavy course load back then in high school. But that uncovers the potential and creativity independent of a nation-wide common schedule, I mean the academic calendar. Dreams start reshaping in our head now that we really are no longer in fiction, proposals and offers are emailed to the suggested beneficiaries, high school resume and skills from extracurricular are put to use, and sometimes wishes and regrets are made about the opportunities missed in high school, the competition we should have attended, activities we should have participated in, leadership positions we should have run for. It is really dull down this road, but very promising when the certainty of schedule for today and tomorrow we were used to in high school from our time tables are no longer there. The challenge helps you realize how you have to create the pace you take your life and dreams on, no longer affected by the general pace. I am lucky that the challenge is compulsory, so high school students; you will realize what we are talking about.

FAITH



Bana NTAGANIRA Arriane, SDA

Kuba umukristo bindinda kujya mu bibi byinshi bigatuma ngira n'inshuti nzima. Ikindi n'uko bimfasha kubana n'abandi neza ntawe mbangamiye.

Said Ishimwe, Muslim

Islam ifasha urubyiruko mu buryo bw'umwuka n'ubwo umubiri. Irwigisha gukora no kwitangira idini n'igihugu ndetse ikarwigisha

kuba intangarugero, kugira umucyo no kubana neza n'abandi.

Esperance Munyarugerero, ADEPR

Young adulthood is the most difficult and frustrating era of life. It is the time of danger and challenge. But knowing God and believing in him, gave meaning to my life and helped me to live a purpose driven life.

Clement Mugisha, Jehovah Witness
Faith strengthens the community by

creating a brotherhood of people that seek to help each other and work together to restore faith in a better future, not to individuals only but to the whole humanity.

Sam Kalisa, Born-again Christian

A lack of destination makes every way the right one. Faith is therefore important because it gives one a sense of purpose while guiding them in the right way to go in life.

Barnabe Ishimwe, Catholic

In a world where science can almost measure everything, predict everything and explain almost everything, I believe in God for my life to have an orthodox purpose that completes doubts and imperfections.

CAMPUS

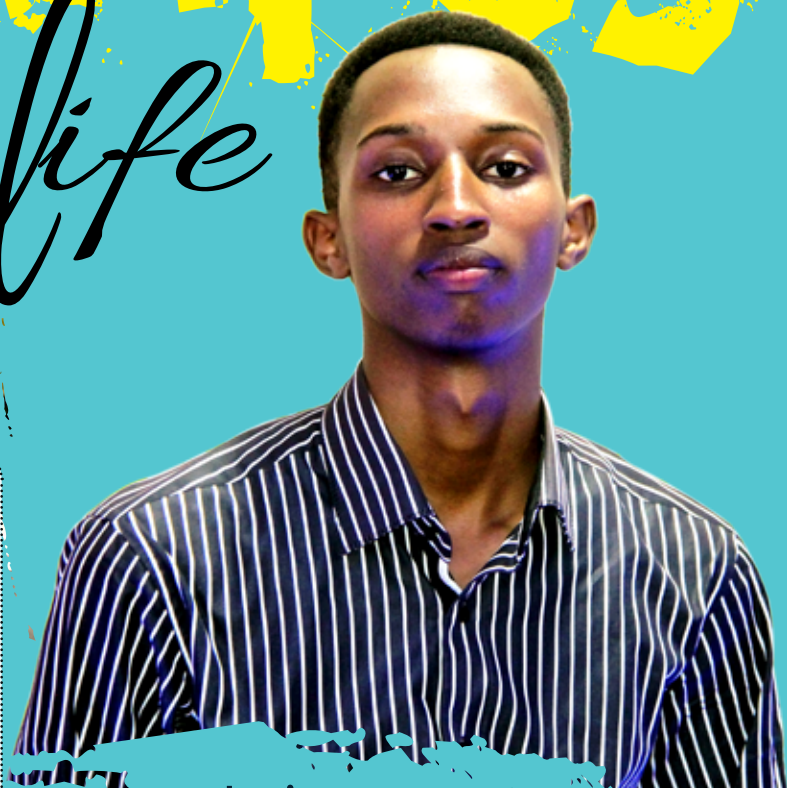
life



Charlotte Uwizeye

4th year,
International Trade
and Business

While at the university, I grew to be independent. I am currently studying in China and this comes with a language challenge. Whether you like it or not you have to learn the language to be able to communicate.



Lavie Mutanganshuro

2nd year Mass Media and Communication

My worst experience was when I was denied to enter campus due to the delay to pay my school fees and sadly it was only one month into the semester. I think this should be corrected because all of us do not get tuition that early or easily.

Sandra Kamikazi,
3rd year, Business
Administration

Nkigera muri kaminuza byabanje kunyobera kubera ubwinshi bw'abanyeshuri ntari menyereye no kwigira amasomo ahantu hatandukanye. Ibi, byatumye niga gukorera ku gihe, kubana neza n'abantu b'imico inyuranye, ndetse nshira ubwoba numva ko hari icyo ngomba kwigezaho nta muntu umfashije.



Tuyisenge Epiphanie, 2nd year,
Biochemistry

We mostly get more theoretical courses than practical ones. Improving quality education must give relevant courses through practical works and assessments instead of focusing on giving us good marks.

Mutoni Ruth,
Masters, Project
Management

University experience is not an easy one; each day is a lesson academically and in life its self. I study with all kinds of people with different backgrounds and behaviors so one has to adopt to the society since everyone has something to learn from another.



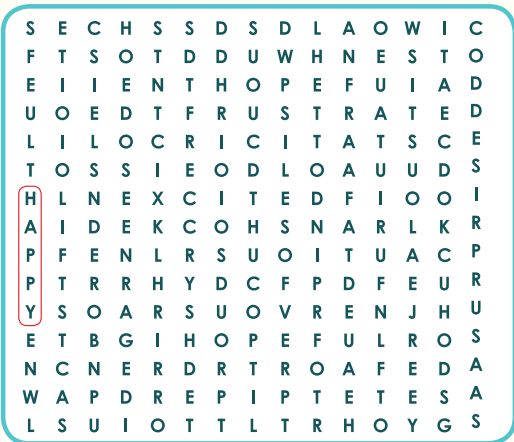
JOHN WICK

Chapter 3 :Parabellum

In this third installment of the adrenaline-fueled action franchise, Super-Assassin John Wick (Keanu Reeves) is on the run with a \$14 million price tag on his head and an army of bounty-hunting killers on his trail. After killing a member of the shadowy international assassin's guild, the High Table, John Wick is excommunicado, but the world's most ruthless hit men and women await his every turn.

Word search

PUZZLE



SURPRISED
NERVOUS
AFRAID
CAUTIOUS
CONFUSED
ECSTATIC
EXCITED

ENRAGED
HAPPY
ANGRY
FRUSTRATED
BORED
JEALOUS
WORRIED

PROUD
HOPEFUL
CONFIDENT
LONELY
SHOCKED
HOPELESS
SAD



Did you know

- The world's youngest parents were 8 and 9 and they lived in China in 1910.
- August has the highest percentage of births.
- Most lipstick contains fish scales
- 11% of people are left handed.
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries
- The most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E



JOKES

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The first guy drops his backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guy says, 'what are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear'. 'I don't need to outrun the bear,' the first guy says. 'I just need to outrun you.'

A woman gets on a bus with her baby. The driver says, 'ugh, that's the ugliest baby I've ever seen.' The woman walks to the rear of the bus and sits down, fuming. She says to a man next to her, 'the driver just insulted me'. The man says, 'you go up there and tell him off. Go on, I'll hold your monkey for you'.

Imvugo Zigezweho mu rubyiruko:

- icyuki: Umukobwa ufite uburanga
- Ubukaro: Amafaranga
- Amaciki: Amasomo
- Kwihanagura: Gukurayo amaso
- Kwisiga: Guhobera
- Ntiyikoraho: Umuntu mwiza kandi uzi ubwenge
- Isi cyangwa Isanzure: Umuntu ukoze ikintu cyiza
- Akavumo: Ahantu umuntu atuye
- Kurya reggae: Kugenda n'amaguru
- Ingingo ikurengerera: Umukunzi

Brain Teasers



Am looking for north, east, west and south. What am I looking for?
Ans: Am looking for news

You have a match and you want to light a lamp and a piece of paper. Which should you light first?
Ans: You have to light the match first

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?
Ans: The river was frozen