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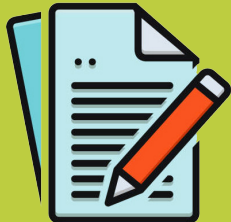
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With the support of Never Again Rwanda, Youth Voices Magazine serves to give young people a voice, build their confidence, and nurture their ability to write their own stories. We write stories on issues of young people face from diverse backgrounds and we encourage them to share stories from their respective communities.

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### EDITORS NOTE

A warm welcome to our latest issue of the Youth Voices magazine! As a platform 'for' and 'by' youth, we aim to stir conversations and contribute towards addressing the issues affecting young people in our communities.

Our mission is to give young people a platform to share their stories and be heard. We also want to help young people develop their writing skills and expand their creativity. In this special issue of Youth Voice Magazine, we explored several issues such as how to fight the stigma surrounding menstruation, tackling hate speech and other exclusive interviews.

We hope that by reading this issue you will be inspired to tell your own story. Because your voice counts.

A special thanks to you, the magazine's contributors, and all of our partners who joined us to ensure that the voices of young people are heard.

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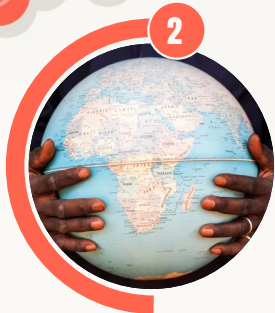
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# Did You Know?



1 According to the World Youth Report (2020), there are 1.2 billion young people aged 15-24, which is 16 per cent of the world's population.



2 Africa is the youngest continent in the world, with a projected young African population to reach 460 million by 2050, up from 250 million today.



4 Young people embody hope for better, innovative and effective solutions to the world's challenges!



3 The United Nations defines "youth" as a person between the ages of 15 and 24. However, this definition is not universal. "Youth" is considered a flexible category.

## Personal testimonies



### *Umurinzi w' Igihango*

Mizero Irene is the founder of Mizero Care Organization, an NGO that was created to help young people deal with the psychological effects of the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi.



Mizero lived and enjoyed a normal childhood life before the genocide with his parents in leadership positions, enabling them to have a comfortable life. He was 9 years old when the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi began.

The genocide affected people differently. For Mizero he felt immense shame when both his parents were sentenced for their participation in the 1994 genocide against the Tutsi. Shame was followed by isolation and the heavy responsibility of taking care of his younger siblings at such an early age. The shame stemmed from understanding the depth and weight of the crime of committing genocide that his parents were charged with and sentenced for. The isolation, heavy responsibilities, and shame made Mizero bitter and lonely.

Fortunately, he was able to continue studying in spite of the difficulties. Mizero and his siblings were able to pursue their studies with the help of the fund established by the Ministry of Local Government to help children

who could not afford to pay for their education.

Even though he had received an education, Irene Mizero chose to remain alone so that people would not judge him, until a group of young people approached him and helped him overcome and heal from the shame and psychological consequences of the 1994 genocide. They helped him break out of the isolation and shame and enabled him to live a life free from guilt and depression.

He was so grateful to the group of people who helped him, it inspired him to start an organization in return to help others like him. So he founded the Mizero Caring Organization and started helping others who had a difficult and lonely childhood due to isolation and shame because of what their parents did during the 1994 Tutsi Genocide. His organization has helped many people and at the end of 2022 Mizero was awarded the Umurinzi w'Igihango title for his diligent commitment to promoting healing for peace and unity.



Umurizaboro *Aline*

## Surviving as a child of rape

I live in the Muhanga district, Nyamubuye sector and like most Rwandans; my life was affected by the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. My mother was raped during the genocide and I was a result of that violent act. My mother and I had to face many challenges, mainly because her family did not want her to look after me, which caused her to be separated from the family and I struggled to understand where I came from and my identity.

Because my mother was still getting over what happened to her, she never told me about my background; I learned this from others and struggled to accept my identity. We also had financial difficulties because the family rejected my mother, and she could not seek help from them anymore. In addition, my mother had abdominal pains, which made everything worse.

However, things got better over time when I started taking training courses, which helped me heal my psychological wounds and share my story to help others like me. My story has encouraged parents who have gone through what my mother and I went through to talk to their kids.

My mother also managed to overcome her bitter past and now we have a great relationship as we can sit down and talk about her experiences and my background. I know some people deny the Genocide against Tutsi but I choose to ignore them because I know the truth and the impact it had on me. I know I have a bright future as I have been able to continue my studies and will soon graduate with a bachelor's degree. In closing, I agree that peace and harmony have had an impact on our community in Rwanda. Sharing our stories also helps to teach and inspire others to overcome their struggles.



# HOPE OUT of PAIN

Meeting my  
family after 28  
years



Uwamahoro *Claudine*

**F**or twenty-eight years, I lived without knowing who I was or where I came from, I was separated from my family during the 1994 Genocide against the Tutsi. I was raised in an orphanage and later adopted. Twenty-eight years after the Genocide is when I reunited with my family members and learned about my origins. Being away from your family in such a violent way affects a person, the lack of not only identity but also of love and affection that a child should experience with their family. I believe that one of the benefits of sharing my story is that it tells and teaches the history of our country. As a way of fighting genocide denial, I have started authoring articles and dialogues talking about the genocide against the Tutsi. There is peace and harmony among Rwandans, but we also still have to maintain peace and stability.

## VOX POP: HATE SPEECH IS...

Hate speech is a serious problem that has long affected society. Young people are particularly vulnerable to becoming victims because they are more likely to be exposed to social media. They can also play a role in ending hate speech. In Vox Pop, we see how young people are affected by hate speech and how they recognize their role.

### Twizeyimana Vivens:

Hate speech is when someone gives you nicknames for negative reasons (in my case, others discriminated against me because of my disability), but I did not create myself that way. Therefore, I can advise society not to discriminate against people based on disability, size and other things. We must treat everyone equally with respect and love.

### Mutoni Ines:

Hate speech is offensive language aimed at someone based on their size, skin colour, and origin, for example in our society; An illegitimate child

is abused and given the name "Ikinyendaro". We have to treat everyone with respect to everyone, regardless of skin color, height, weight, or background.

### Emima Tuyumwire

Words can lower self-esteem. For example, words that are popular among young people like Nta myaka ijana / Nta gikwe etc. These words make people lose hope in life or some even think of committing suicide because they see no reason to live anymore.

### Shyaka Jessy:

I grew up in Uganda and at a young age, I was not proud to be Rwandan because of hate speech, when I hear people say I am from a country where they kill people and it hurt me a lot. As a result, I did not learn my native language and lost confidence. Later, I decided to join the fight against genocidal ideology and hate speech. I would like to encourage young people to take a stand against hate speech so that what happened never happens again.





“Once people see that you are serious about what you do, they will believe in you and either help you or hire you,”

## My dream is to be one of the best female camera operators

Abiwe Kayonga *Beltine*

In high school, Abiwe Kayonga Beltine pursued sciences focusing on physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. When she graduated, she attended a 6-month short course in photography, following advice from her father who was also passionate about photography. At the end of the short course, Beltine decided to attend The East African University to pursue studies in Filmmaking and Film production. “I liked it, and I had confidence that I would be able to do it well,” said Beltine.

One of the reasons Beltine wanted to pursue this career is that in today's world people are encouraged to be self-employed rather than waiting to be hired by someone else and that field promotes self-employment.

One of the challenges faced so far is accessing information. “The Rwandan public is reluctant to provide information to journalists, especially in remote areas. That makes it difficult for journalists to get information because people are reluctant to share information,” she says

Another challenge is that girls are sometimes underestimated in the profession, especially when it comes to complex and heavy equipment, which is why people prefer to hire boys because they believe they are better suited for the job.

She conveyed the message she has for girls to do what they love and to take their careers seriously. “Once people see that you are serious about what you do, they will believe in you and either help you or hire you,” she added



# INKURU YA RUSINE



**R**ukundo Patrick uzwi ku izina rya Rusine ni umusore wavukiye mu murenge wa Gitega mu karere ka Nyarugenge mu muji wa Kigali, akaba yarakuriye mu buzima butari bworoshye. Nk'abandi bantu benshi ariko, yakomeje guhangana n'imbogamizi yahuraga nazo maze abasha kwandika izina rye muri sinema nyarwanda by'umwihariko mu bijyanye n'urwenya. Ngo byinshi yabikoraga ngo azakure mama we mu buzima busuzuguritse maze azamufashe kubaho ubuzima bwiza.

Ibigwi bye nibyo byatumye tumwegera maze abasha kudusangiza inzira yacyiyemo ngo agere aho ageze uyu muni, uburyo abyaza impano ye umusaruro ndetse n'uburyo yabashije gutegura igitaramo gikomeye kizwi nka " Inkuru ya Rusine" ari nawo mutwe twahaye iyi nkuru yacu.



## Youth Voices Magazine

**(YVM):** Rusine, ikaze mu kiganiro cyacu

**Rusine:** Murakoze cyane kunyakira

**YVM:** Benshi batangira ibintu bitandukanye ariko siko bose babasha kubigeza kure. Wowe ni ibiki byagufashije kugira ngo ube warakomeje impano yawe ukabasha no kuba icyamamare?

**Rusine:** icya mbere ni ubumenyi, mu gihe wiyumvisemo impano uba ugomba gukomeza kwihugura, kuko nkanjye natangiye urwenya ariko ngenda mbona ko hari ubumenyi nkeneye, maze ntangi-

ra kwihugura bityo bimfasha guhanga udushya no gukora kinyamwuga.

Icy kabiri ni ugufatanya n'abandi, ndi umuntu ugerageza kubyaza umusaruro buri muntu wese mu bo tuziranye, mu buryo bwo kubigiraho no kuba saba ubufasha aho mbakeneye.

Naho icya gatatu ni ukudacika intege kuko ubuzima ni urugendo ruba rutoroshye kuko uhuriramo n'ibicantegere byinshi, hari abaguhemukira ariko ntucike intege ugakomeza kuzamuka no gutera imbere.

**YVM:** Benshi mu rubyiruko iyo batangiye kwamamara iraha n'inoti birababwara bakisanga bateye ishuri umugongo. Ni gute wowe wakomeje kwiga kugeza ubu ukaba uri mu mwaka wa nyuma?

**Rusine:** Abantu benshi baba bifuza kwiga ariko kubera amafaranga ntibibakundire, gusa njye nagize amahirwe niga ibihuye n'ibyo nkora, kuko kuba niga mu ishami ry'ibijyanye n'ubuzima bwo mu mutwe, imitekerereze n'imyitwarire (Clinical Psychology) bimfasha kumenya imyitwarire ya



buri wese iyo ndimo kubasetsa. Gusa ikindi nzi neza ni uko ibyo dukora bishobora kurangira ariko impamy-abushobozi ikaba ariyo izansindagiza mu gihe kwamamara bizaba bitakimpa ibyo nifuzabyose.

**YVM:** Gusetsa abantu bisaba kwirengagiza no guhisha ibibazo byawe, ahubwo ukita ku byishimo by'abandi, wowe ubyitwaramo ute iyo ugomba gusetsa abantu kandi ufite ikibazo?

**Rusine:** Ku munyarwenya biba bigoye cyane no kurusha umuhanzi uririmba indirimbo yakoze kera. Twebwe bisaba kuba wishimye. Usanga rero ubuzima bwacu buri ku karubanda ku buryo utabura ibintu biguhungabanyaburi muni ndetse n'ibindi bibazo byinshi umuntu ahura nabyo. Gusa iyo umaze kubimenyera ubishyira ku ruhande ugakora akazi kuko ariko kambere.

**YVM:** Byaba byarakubayeho? Waduha urugero

Ubwo nateguraga gitaramo gikom-eye nise "Inkuru ya Rusine" nibwo twari twabuze inshuti yanjye Yvan Buravan ndetse n'umuntu nakuze ndeba Nkusi Thomas uzwi nka Yanga, ku buryo nta muntu n'umwe ubarizwa mu bijyanye n'imyidagaduro wavugaga ko bitahungabanyije. Ntegura iki gitaramo nashatse kugisubika ariko habaho impamvu zituma ngikomeza. Ngeze ku rubyiniro amarangamutima yaramfashe ndabanza mbaha icyu-

bahiro ndetse ngerageza guhangana nabyo nshimisha abantu.

**YVM:** Umwihariko wawe ni uwuhe muri uyu mwuga wo gukora ibijyanye no gusetsa?

Mu kazi kanjye k'umunyarwenya mvuga ibyo nzi, ibyo niyumviye, ibyo narose cyangwa inkuru zanjye, ntabwo njya mpimba cyangwa ngo nsebanye. Kuvuga ubuzima busanzwe no kureba icyo abaje mu gitaramo baje bashaka bimfasha kugira umwihariko mu byo nkora.

**YVM:** Kuri ubu uri umunyamakuru, umunyarwenya ukabihuza n'ishuri. Ibyo ubikora gute?

**Rusine:** Urumva ntabwo biba byoroshye gusa iyo ugitangira uba wumva ubishoboye byose. Ariko ibanga ryanjye ni ugukorana n'abantu muri buri kimwe baba abo dukorana cyangwa abanyobora, ku buryo muri buri cyiciro mba mfite abantu bampa amakuru, abanyandikira ndetse n'abamfashe mu buzima bwa buri muni.

**YVM:** Ukunda kugaragara mu isura y'umusinzzi muri Cinema. Ese sosiyete iyo ikurebeye muri iyo sura wowe ubyitwaramo gute?

**Rusine:** Njyewe ikintu wanyita cyose ndi mu kazi ntacyo kintwara, wanyita umusinzzi, wavugaga ko mbyibushye igice kimwe simbyitaho. Gusa sinabura kuvugaga ko bijya bitugiraho ingaruka aho umuntu yanga kuguha nk'akazi

yibwira ko uhora wasinze cyangwa nta kinyabupfura ugira. Gusa biba byiza iyo mu buzima busanzwe ubaye intangarugero ndetse ukirinda ingeso mbi, bigeraho bakamenya ko utandukanye n'umwe wo muri filime. Nkanjye nsomaho ariko sindi umusinzzi nkuko mubibona muri filime.

**YVM:** Ni uruhe ruhare rw'umuhanzi mu kubaka sosiyete irangwamo amahoro kandi itekanye?

**Rusine:** Mu mpano Imana yampaye ngerageza kugira uruhare mu kubaka sosiyete, guhumuriza abababaye no kubafasha kubaka ubuzima mbinyujije mu nkuru nandika n'ubukangurambaga nitabira bwaba ari ubwo ku ishuri no mu kazi gasanzwe. Abahanzi ntibakwiye gutekereza ko ubuhanzi bugarukira ku bihangano bakoze gusa, ahubwo bakwiye kugira uruhare muri gahunda z'igihugu kubera ko bavugaga rikumvikana.

**YVM:** Ni ubuhe butumwa ugenera urubwiruko muri rusange?

**Rusine:** Nubwo urubwiruko rufite imbogamizi nyinshi harimo n'ibibazo bituruka ku mbuga nkoranyambaga, umuti si ukubihunga bajya mu biyob-yabwenge ahubwo ni uguhangana nabyo bashakira umuti ibibazo bihari ndetse bagakora cyane.

**YVM:** Akabazo k'amatsiko, ni ryari wakinye imbere y'abantu ukumva urasebye?

**Rusine:** Hahahah! Ni stage nagiyeho nambaye ikanzu, ndi kumwe na Mugisha (Kibonke), icyo gihe byabayegombwa ko umwe muri twe yambara ikanzu noneho dusanga ni njye byabera kuko Mugisha aranutse. Maze kwigira umugore abantu batangiye kunyohereza udufoto nkumva narasebye ariko kuko kari akazi, mba numva nta kibazo.

**YVM:** N inde cyitegererezo cyawe?

Hahahah, ntabwo mfite umwe, muri buri kintu cyose mba mfite umuntu nigiraho ariko Arthur Nkusi mbona byinshi ngenda nyuramo bisa n'ibyo yahuye nabyo uretse ko ari umwe mu bantu bamfashije, bityo nkoresha zimwe mu nzira yanyuzemo.







# Testimony

## GETTING PREGNANT AT SCHOOL WAS A NIGHTMARE

**M**y name is Niyonizeye Sophia (Not my original name), I am 18 years old and I come from a family of seven children, four little girls and two little brothers. I have my mother, but my father left us when I was young.

Starting school, the sole dream was to graduate from high school, change the life of my mother, and become a great woman. My entire focus was on studying and excelling because I am smart in class. All my dreams were dashed the day I found out I was pregnant.

In senior four, all of my friends had boyfriends, so they pushed me to have one too. I did not ask anyone about it, I just felt peer pressure and got a boyfriend too. From then on, I started to perform poorly in class, but my mother did not know the reason for the bad performance. I slowly lost weight and by the end of the year, I knew that I was pregnant; it was like a nightmare to me.

When I told the person responsible for my pregnancy, he said he would look after me, but he did not have any money either because he was still a student. A few days later, he ran away from the village and left me to suffer alone with the pregnancy. I was scared to go home and my mom did not know where I was for a month. After a month I decided to go back home because life was hard for me, and I went to bed hungry many nights. I thought they would kill me when I came home.

Mama did not say anything but there were tears in her eyes. She welcomed me and showed me motherly love, even though I was wrong; she took care of me until I gave birth safely.

Since then I have experienced many difficulties, especially in raising my child since my father left us. I did not have a chance to go back to school because my sponsor could not support me anymore. I cannot get good paying jobs because I do not have an education. I was affected mentally; I felt like I would never be able to be in a relationship anymore because I thought all men were bad.

My advice to young girls is to focus on your dreams, avoid peer pressure and avoid early sex because that is what brought me to the life I live today. Working hard and being a great woman is good for showing society that women are also capable and can contribute to change.

Parents also have to be open and tell their children about the dangers of early sex because girls and boys do not know the truth about these things so they need guidance. I will take care of my baby and will never make the same mistake again because my journey taught me a good lesson. Let us all fight together against teenage pregnancy in our country and around the world.

## DUKATAZE MENSTRUAL CENTER: ENDING PERIOD SHAME

Menstruation is a normal and natural function of a woman's body. However, menstruation is still a taboo subject that is surrounded by fear, stigma and shame. Menstrual hygiene is also a major concern, with many women turning to unhealthy materials because they cannot afford pads. The Dukataze Menstrual Center is a centre dedicated to eradicating the shame around menstruation, which brings great challenges, including teenage pregnancy.

During our visit to the centre, the founder of the Dukataze Menstrual Center, Amina Umuhiza, stated that they set up this centre because adolescents did not have sufficient information and safe spaces to freely discuss issues related to menstruation and reproductive health, which is a barrier to fight against a surge in unwanted pregnancies. "The establishment of this centre is also due to reproductive health disparity between children and parents, unreliable reproductive health information and poverty which prevent children from low-income families from accessing rights and services," he added.

This centre consists of various sections that help young people to be free and informed about reproductive life, in-



cluding how pads should be used, techniques used by girls in different cultures, illustration of how poverty hit hard rural women who are in periods as well as painful experiences of menstruation girls and women.

It is a safe space that can help adolescents express themselves freely.

Amina also explained the reasons for setting up this centre in Nyamirambo in an area that looks like a slum, noting:



"Young people in the villages do not have adequate information or services, for example, there are people who think they cannot get pregnant if they take paracetamol, the Kigali Menstrual Center helps teach reproductive health without the shame while some girls get free pads."

Dukataze advises young people; especially girls that they need to know what they want in life and work on avoiding what is holding them back from pursuing their dreams, including not getting pregnant at a young age if they have dreams.

Ngarambe Elizee Ibrahim, in charge of content at Dukataze, is a young man who is not afraid to educate teens and young adults about reproductive health and encourage boys to remember that they also have a role to play in solving this problem, and have to participate in ending unwanted pregnancies. "We want to shape responsible parents, including men, who are not shy about talking about reproductive health."

Dukataze emphasizes that reproductive health problems cannot be solved by one person but concerted efforts can help "We need to change our mindset and understand that these problems exist and cannot be solved by one person."





# NGABO *Karegeya*

## ON BECOMING A CHANGEMAKER

**M**y name is Ngabo Karegeya, usually called Ibererya Bigogwe. I promote tourism and culture here at Nyabihu in a beautiful place called “Ibererya Bigogwe”.

I graduated from the College of Business and Economics/SFB in Kigali and could not imagine that I would return to the countryside after graduation as

most young people stay in Kigali after graduation. At school, I always wondered what kind of business I could do online using the university’s free Wi-Fi.

When the 2020 COVID-19 came, most people hated it, but it allowed me to use my Facebook account to post various photos related to my lifestyle in Bigogwe Village. Since the Bigogwe

area is dedicated to livestock, I posted on my Facebook account every day about cows and people started to like my posts. Back then, my younger brother challenged me to open a Twitter account and we had a big argument, convincing him that Facebook is more reliable than Twitter for news updates so we decided to take

a gamble to see who wins and I ended up opening a Twitter account.

I kept posting while doing the same thing on Facebook, tagging different people I knew and did not know, and within a few weeks,

I had 1000 followers on Twitter. We went back to school, and I con-



“ work hard, think positively, be patient and do what you love and what is unique and different from all the other companies around you.”



tinued to post, not realizing I was starting a business while on campus called Ibere rya Bigogwe.

When I finished my studies and decided to start a business, people became interested in visiting this place and asked me to help them on tours, showing them the cows and sharing milk.

When the number of visitors to Bigogwe started to increase, I decided to

start “Ibere Rya Bigogwe” as a company operating in Rwanda. I had the opportunity to find clients from different places of all ages and teach them all about cow life and I have not applied for a job since.

I have also been invited to many TV shows including France24 and many others where I shared my journey. Recently I started receiving people from abroad who are interested in learn-

ing more about cows and tourism in Bigogwe. I have fixed prices for visitors to Bigogwe and special discounts for Rwandans who wish to visit Bigogwe.

I had the opportunity to attend various meetings that inspire me, including Youth Connect, and recently I got the opportunity to sign a contract with Rubavu District, where I am the sole person who is allowed to bring visitors to Ibere Rya Bigogwe.

The challenge I still have is not having enough capital to invest in the company that I dream off, but I hope my company will grow as I designed a master plan of infrastructure worth 50 million Rwandan Francs. In short, I give advice to young people around me, work hard, think positively, be patient and do what you love and what is unique and different from all the other companies around you.



### WHAT IT TAKES A YOUNG GIRL TO JOIN DASSO

Kanagire *Chantal*

In Rwanda, it is not common for young girls to join security forces such as DASSO because some cultural norms limit girls' potential in various occupations, thinking that they are less devoted than their male counterparts.

This is not the case for Chantal Kanagire, a young woman from Mbazi Sector in Huye, who joined the security organ known as District Administration Security Support Organ (DASSO) after being trained under Ijwi Ryubaka (Youth Engage) on various aspects that helped her to realize how she could participate in the decision-making processes in the Mbazi Sector.

In our conversation, she told us that the main reason to join DASSO was not to work for money but to use the respect of security forces in rural areas to help to solve some issues and conflicts emerging in her community. "Helping to resolve conflict in my community was the main reason and to help to convince my colleagues that punishment should come first by prioritizing a mindset change".

Bringing this idea to the table in her

family was another issue because most of the family members did not believe that the future of their young girl is going to be continued in DASSO. "As I was only 21 years old, I felt I could take a risk against all odds".

She shared further the notable change in Mbazi Sector, since Youth Engage (YE) a project of Never Again Rwanda, was implemented there. Before, the youth did not know to adhere to their responsibility to elect their leaders or join advisory councils, but now youth participate in electing their representatives, providing their opinions and priorities to elected leaders and holding them accountable. This is due in part to them being more united in 47 groups that bring youth together around different initiatives.

She also realized that she will not only rely on her monthly income but after being trained, she was inspired to create different income-generating activities. For example, she started to save her money to buy pigs and goats and currently has four goats and two pigs in a rural area where this contributes to transforming the lives of many people.



## FROM COVID TO TAKING OVER HUYE DISTRICT WITH DELIVERY BUSINESS

It was in 2015 when Ndayisenga Toussaint's friend told him about Never Again Rwanda and that they had a commemoration activity and other activities where volunteers have different tasks. He became interested in Rwanda's Never Again program and joined the group of volunteers.

After attending public speaking and critical thinking sessions, Toussaint changed his mind and started to think about what he could do for his community. "When I started to attend Never Again Rwanda's activities, I was very shy and couldn't speak. I was in the Never Again Rwanda youth volunteer group and had an

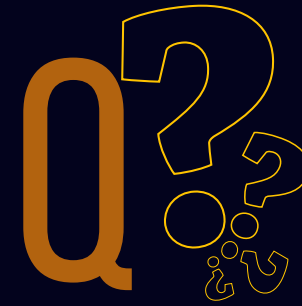
opportunity to lead a group of high school students in a public speaking contest. When I saw how they expressed themselves, I began to feel that I too could speak in front of any audience. Since then I felt that I should have confidence because we were always told to express our ideas so that we can contribute to building our society."

In 2016, Toussaint and his group worked in the community to help vulnerable people by working in the Umuganda community, building houses and teaching residents unity and reconciliation. Participating in all these activities has given him strength and made him feel capable. After graduating from university, he started his own business. "Early in 2020, I started selling eggs on the street, even though people didn't understand what I was doing. They could not imagine how a young graduate could do such a job. But thanks to the public speaking and critical thinking training, I felt confident, considering I have aspirations to improve my standard of living," he said.

Toussaint felt he had to overcome all odds and worked hard to grow his business. Even though his business was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, he did not give up. He also started to deal with pharmacy owners to deliver medicines to the homes of patients. Since then he started delivering medicine and omelettes to the needy by bicycle, which increased his income while other people were in lockdown.

He rented a house to expand his post-COVID business, which he converted into a restaurant. Now he is a businessperson who owns a company called Eden Coffee Group that offers grocery, beverage, medicine and cosmetic delivery services with 13 employees.

Ndayisenga Toussaint is very grateful to Never Again Rwanda for its critical thinking and public speaking training. He learned to think big and was given a platform to show that he was capable. He advises young people that it is not important to earn money first but to have an idea of what they can do. To start with the idea of making a little money and gradually increasing revenue and always being positive in what they do.



## BIG QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT EDITION TWESE TURIBAZA IBI. TUZABIGANIREHO MURI NUMERO ITAHA!

### KINYARWANDA

1. **Ese ufite icyizere ko Miss Rwanda izagaruka, itagarutse ni iki ubona sosiyete yahomba by'umwihariko mu iterambere ry'umwana w'umukobwa?**
2. **Ubona amagambo urubiruko rukunda gukoresha nka nta myaka ijana cyangwa nta gikwe afite ingaruka ku rubyiruko, ni izihe?**
3. **Ubona udikingirizo dushyizwe mu mashuri ari izihe ngaruka byagira? Ese urabishyigikiye? Kubera iki?**

### ENGLISH

1. **Do you think the Miss Rwanda pageant will return and what do you think will be a loss if it does not come back, especially in girls' empowerment?**
2. **How do you think words that are often used by young people, such as Nta myaka 100 or Nta Gikwe, affect young people?**
3. **What are your thoughts on the government making condoms available in schools? Do you support it?**

Answers can be sent to [info@neveragainrwanda.org](mailto:info@neveragainrwanda.org) or tag on Twitter: @YouthEngage\_rw





# HOPE

## MY HOPE BY INKINDI MUCTAR

I want to be known as the NUN OF CALCUTTA,  
So Legendary like the Sinai mountain,  
So proud, like the megaphone of MARTIN LUTHER  
KING Jr,  
So cool like the hat of MARCUS GARVEY,  
I want to be free and fly like NELSON MANDELA's  
Speech  
I want to be part of the BLACK PANTHERS,  
I want to be confident like the beards of CASTRO,  
I want my story to be read like the ENCYCLOPEDIA,  
that my pen will spit only wise words from  
Shakespeare

I want to be so generous like the GLASSES of  
GANDHI,  
I want to be a Universal Philanthropist like PRINCESS  
DIANA  
The sign of Hope like the cape of CHE  
I want to be VICTORIOUS like INKOTANYI soldiers  
I want to be the bridge of PEACE that UNITES the  
west and the east  
Like the Great Wall of China  
May the Almighty make me the Tool of Tranquility  
God make my heart strong like Iron  
Like the Lion in Zion

So let us be the Presidents  
Let's forget about the NOs and Explore our inborn  
Goals,  
Block all the CAN'Ts and embrace the CAN, Sip on  
the wines of CREATIVITY,  
Life has no routines be the OPTIMIST  
Go be the soldier of LOVE, my son HATE sucks, Be  
the CHIEF of your days Add RESPECT and DISCIPLINE  
To your Soup  
Go be the parent of your present  
Go be the Designer of your DESTINY  
GO be the Poet of your Pages  
Go be the morning star of Wakanda





MOVIE REVIEW



# JAMES CAMERON'S AVATAR THE WAY OF WATER

DIRECTED BY JAMES CAMERON SCREENPLAY BY RICK JAFFA & AMANDA SILVER

IN THE NEW AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER, JAKE AND NEY'TIRI NOW HAVE A FAMILY AND ARE LIVING A LIFE OF BLISS IN BEAUTIFUL PANDORA. HOWEVER, WHEN THEY ARE FACED WITH A THREAT, THEY HAVE TO LEAVE THEIR HOME AS JAKE FIGHTS A WAR AGAINST THE HUMANS. WHAT THE MOVIE MISSES IN SUBSTANCE IT MAKES UP FOR IN GRAPHICS, CGI AND SPECIAL EFFECTS. ALTHOUGH THE STORYLINE IS A BIT THIN, FANS ARE REVELING IN CAMERON'S NEW BLUE WORLD OF PANDORA AND ARE BLOWN AWAY BY THE IMAGERY.



## FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT APPLE INC.

- ◆ Interestingly, Apple's name came from founder Steve Jobs' liking towards the fruit.
- ◆ Apple was founded in 1976 on the April fool's
- ◆ Apple Has More Cash Than the US Government
- ◆ Apple's First Computer Sold for \$666.66



- ◆ Apple's First Logo Featured Isaac Newton
- ◆ Apple Launched a Clothing Line in 1986
- ◆ Samsung Manufactures the iPad's Retina Display
- ◆ A MacBook Pro Can Stop a Bullet in its Tracks



- ◆ Apple has a 'no smoking' ban regarding their computers.
- ◆ In 2022, Apple became the world's first company to be valued at \$3 trillion.
- ◆ Since 2008, Apple's most valuable product is the iPhone; the most sold being the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus.