

Mentoring for ESD-Leadership 2018

Project: Young Reporters for the Environment (YRE)



OBJECTIVES

- Enhancing critical thinking skills that lead to action for sustainable development
- Building a mentorship that drives real learning for the real world and developing lifelong and practical skills that nurture innovation
- Creating a network of responsible and active citizen journalists who will build a legacy for transformation and accountability in their communities and South Africa
- Highlighting local injustices, attract the attention of decision-makers on a local, regional and national level through articles, photos and videos

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Linked to the methodology, the following activities are facilitated to achieve the programme objectives:

- Field trips around the young reporters' local communities
- Workshops with mentors and experts in the fields of investigative journalism, photography, videography, social and environmental justice, and community development
- Intensive session on ESD approaches and local injustices at school
- Regional dialogue sessions and indabas where the young reporters of all 5 schools come together to learn from each other, share experiences and expertise and inspire and motivate each other
- Local community events where young reporters share their articles showcase their photo exhibitions and play their short videos. These events will attract local community members affected by the highlighted injustices as well as local decision-makers and other stakeholders

METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH

Through the YRE framework, young reporters are guided to:

- Identify and investigate a local, social and environmental injustice and its associated sources
- Conduct research and interviews with local communities and stakeholders to design a justified solution
- Use the data to report on the problem and possible solution through articles, photo exhibitions and short videos
- Share the information with local stakeholders and the public through different media platforms

Project Responsible

Cindy-Lee Cloete

Target Group

High schools

Duration of the project

Once a school becomes a YRE school, they continue with it annually.

Implementation Status

The YRE programme was launched with 5 schools in Johannesburg on the 20th of February 2018. This date was significant and purposefully selected because it coincided with World Social Justice Day. The programme is now funded by 2 sources to assist the 5 schools with their journeys of change.

Addressed SDGs



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