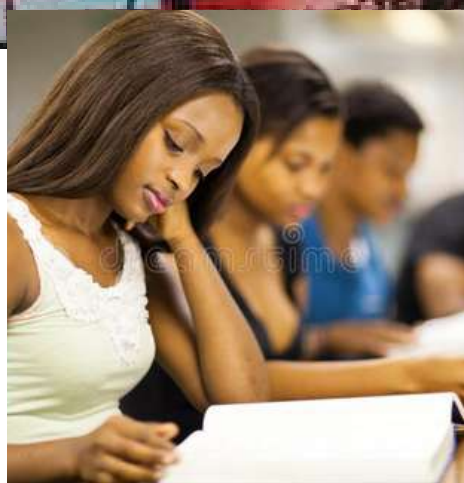




# SAUTI YA VIJANA NAIROBI PROJECT NEWSLETTER – EMPOWERING YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE.

## New Project Launch

THE SAUTI YA VIJANA NAIROBI



We are excited to announce the launch of the "Sauti Ya Vijana Nairobi Project," a groundbreaking initiative aimed at empowering and amplifying the voices of young people in shaping local governance and fostering transparent and accountable leadership. This project, undertaken in response to the urgent need for greater youth involvement in county-level decision-making, seeks to create a platform for meaningful engagement and dialogue between youth, community leaders, and local authorities.

The "Sauti Ya Vijana Nairobi Project" will focus on addressing the absence of comprehensive youth policies and the marginalization of youth in various spheres of county-level governance. Through a series of dynamic activities, the project aims to foster the emergence of responsive and inclusive leadership while promoting improved service delivery and civic participation.

### Project Highlights:

#### Activities

**Youth Roundtable:** A pivotal event to bring together 40 youth representatives from diverse backgrounds to discuss and deliberate on local governance across various sectors. This event will serve as a hub for constructive discussions on local governance issues spanning various sectors. It will facilitate the formation of a community of practice, enabling fruitful conversations on issues such as strategies for increasing youth representation in local governance bodies, overcoming barriers to meaningful youth participation in decision-making processes, strategies to encourage youth to actively participate in civic activities and community development projects, building a culture of responsible citizenship among young people, leveraging technology for community engagement, information sharing, and digital literacy, promoting gender equity and addressing challenges faced by young women and marginalized genders, and recognizing the impact of youth-led initiatives on community development among others.





**Case Study Presentations and Podcasts:** Five youth organizations will share their case studies, followed by interactive podcast sessions. This engagement will encourage knowledge sharing, collaboration, and insights into effective governance practices.

Additionally, our podcast sessions will provide a platform for in-depth discussions with organizations that couldn't present their case studies. This ensures a well-rounded conversation on critical governance matters.

**Youth-Local Leader Engagement:** Platforms will be created for open dialogues between young people, decision-makers, donors, and researchers. These exchanges will promote mutual understanding and collaborative problem-solving. We are passionate about creating opportunities for young people to engage directly with decision-makers. Our project aims to bridge the gap between youth and local leaders, allowing them to voice concerns, share ideas, and contribute to decisions that impact their lives and communities.



**Evidence-Based Advocacy Report:** Insights and outcomes from the roundtable discussions, case studies, and engagements will culminate in an advocacy report. This report will provide a foundation for evidence-based advocacy, shedding light on the needs and perspectives of youth, as well as pathways for enhancing governance practices.

**Youth-Adult Partnerships Roundtable:** Our upcoming roundtable event, themed "Building youth-adult partnerships in local governance," is set to bring together 40 youth representatives from diverse organizations. The roundtable will foster a community of practice, providing a space for knowledge sharing, experiences, and best practices



**Objectives:**

The "Sauti Ya Vijana Nairobi Project" seeks to achieve the following objectives:

- Facilitate youth involvement in decision-making processes concerning their lives.
- Foster partnerships between youth-led organizations, the community, and county authorities.
- Establish a platform for dialogue between youth, decision-makers, donors, and researchers.
- Generate an evidence-based advocacy report to drive positive governance changes.

# Join Us in Empowering Youth Voices:

We invite you to join us in this transformative project that has the potential to shape the future of governance and youth empowerment in Nairobi and promote responsive, transparent, and accountable leadership. Your participation, support, and insights are valuable to us as we embark on this journey towards creating a more inclusive and accountable society.

We believe that collective action drives meaningful change. As valued members, partners, funders, and networks, your support and engagement are pivotal to the success of this project. As we move forward, we invite you to be a part of our journey. Here's how you can get involved:



- Take Part In The Mapping Survey of Youth-led & Youth-serving Organizations and Networks in Nairobi County: In our bid to develop robust partnerships with equally committed organisations and networks, we will foster a collaborative mission to empower young people and effect positive change within communities. Through these strategic collaborations, we will leverage the talents and abilities of our partners for amplified impacts as well as create innovative initiatives, launch successful campaigns, and enhance organisational capacity building.

- By harnessing the incredible power of other youth-serving organisations and their passionate and motivated networks and supporters, these strategic partnerships will help foster positive social change. By creating meaningful partnerships with other youth-led/youth-serving organisations, we envision a strengthened collective impact, a supported systemic change, and an inspired new generation of leaders and activists. [Take part in the survey.](#)





## TAKE PART IN THE ACTIVITIES AND SESSIONS

*Take Part In The Podcasts Sessions As a Speaker: Engage with us during our podcast sessions and case study presentations. Your feedback and insights can contribute to the richness of the conversations. The podcast seeks to tackle topics related to Youth-led leadership - Building Leadership skills among the youth, Creating productive partnerships between young people and decision-makers, How to Make a Community Of Practice an influential force for Change, Understanding the fundamentals of participatory and inclusive decision-making among Young leaders, Developing responsible advocacy strategies for young leaders and Exploring opportunities in Nairobi City County Government, Exploring ethical considerations in youth-led leadership, Implementing transparency and accountability practices in leadership, and Exploring research and data to inform decision-making among others.*

*[Take part in the podcast sessions.](#)*

- **Take Part In The Roundtable Discussions:**

We will conduct roundtable discussions with representatives of various stakeholders. This will improve on our bid of promoting a better understanding of the needs of youth and youth-serving organizations for local governance, identifying common challenges and obstacles facing youth in local politics and governance, creating a conducive environment to foster dialogue and communication between all stakeholders involved in youth-led initiatives, identifying best practices and areas for collaboration among youth organizations and other actors in the youth empowerment sector, creating action plans and strategies to develop sustainable Youth Community of Practice, and increasing the visibility of youth participation and providing a platform for their opinions to be heard. Take part in the roundtable sessions. [Take part in the roundtable discussions.](#)

**Spread the Word:**

Share our newsletter and updates with your network. Help us reach a wider audience passionate about youth empowerment and good governance.

**Collaborate with Us:**

If you or your organization stay updated:

Follow the project updates on our various social media platforms and our [website](#) to stay informed about upcoming events, discussions, and outcomes.

Organizations are interested in collaborating with us, whether in sharing experiences or supporting our initiatives, please reach out. Together, we can make a lasting impact.



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