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FEYA FEYA campaign held in Chitungwiza



An artist entertaining the crowd during the FEYA-FEYA campaign road show

Zengeza 2 - Civil society organizations held the FEYA-FEYA campaign road show at Zengeza 2 shopping centre on Saturday the 6th of July 2013.

The FEYA-FEYA campaign is an initiative of civil society organizations which aim at promoting free and fair elections during the harmonized polls scheduled for the 31st of July 2013.

The campaign also aimed at encouraging citizens of Chitungwiza to register as voters before the 9th of July which is the closing day of voter registration for those who will take part in the July 31 poll.

The campaign urged Chitungwiza residents to participate in the elections in a peaceful manner which promote free and fair elections, and also urge the government to implement necessary reforms that promote free and fair elections.

“The campaign aim to urge people of Zengeza and Chitungwiza to register before the 9th of July, shun all forms of political violence and urge the country’s leadership to implement reforms that are necessary for free and fair elections”, said one of the campaign organizers Mr Nixon Nyikadzino, the programs manager of Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition.

Civil society organizations and other political parties are agitating for reforms which include opening the air waves to all political parties, stopping the military from intimidating the electorate in communities and also military leaders must not make statements that undermine democracy.

“We want the ZBC to be impartial, accommodate all political parties, the military must not intimidate voters and the military leadership must stop from making statements that undermine democracy”, continued Mr Nyikadzino.

The FEYA FEYA campaign is being spearheaded by civil society organizations which include the Zimbabwe Human Rights Association and Crisis in Zimbabwe Coalition.

Day of the African Child Commemorated

By Tsitsi Mashiri, Lighthouse Institute.



An arts group entertaining the audience at the Day of an African Child celebrations

Unit L, Seke- Early Childhood Development centres, primary, secondary schools and various civic society organizations in Chitungwiza commemorated the day of the African Child at Chitungwiza community hall on Friday the 5th of July 2013.

The commemorations were held under the theme “Eliminating harmful social and cultural practices affecting children: Our Collective responsibility”.

It was a wonderful and exciting day for all school children and young people out of school who were part of the commemorations.

Mberi primary school drummers led the march from Unit C junction to Chitungwiza community hall in Unit L.

St Mary’s high school which known as the best choir led the hall in singing the National Anthem.

The junior mayor Chitungwiza Ashley Hongoro made the welcome remarks.

People were more excited when Dudzai primary played their dram titled “Kodzero Dzedu” which aimed at raising awareness of the rights of a child.

Sharon Cohen centre reminded the hall that every child has a right to education.

ALCOZ and Buyance College entertained the crowd with dance.

People were left speechless after children from Early Learning Centre did their poem telling people that no-one is allowed to touch their bodies.

Chimberi and Fungisai primary schools left the audience on toes after playing marimba and traditional dance.

Childline also advertised their toll free emergency number 116 for use by children and the people of Chitungwiza in reporting cases and incidences of child abuse.

95 students graduate at YASC

By Mutakiwa



A graduate receiving his certificate from the guest of owner.

Unit L- 95 students of Young Africa Skills Center (YASC) Chitungwiza and Epworth campuses graduated at a colourful ceremony held at the Chitungwiza campus on Friday the 5th of July 2013.

The students graduated in various hands disciplines and they awarded with certificates of merits.

The disciplines included metal works, catering, panel beating, motor mechanics, cosmetology, cutting and design, interior decor, commercial school and computers.

All the students who graduated did computers and life skills but they were also some who were just studying computers only.

Some of the students who graduated came as far as from Filabusi in Matebeleland South province and were staying at the Young Africa Skills Centre during the course of their studies.

The students took part in three, six or 12 months courses that are held by the Young Africa Skills Centre which are meant to prepare the youth of Zimbabwe to get into formal and informal employment.

Young Africa urged the graduates to utilize the acquired skills in improving their livelihoods.

“We hope that the graduates are going to use the gained skills and make money out of them”, said Assistant Youth Coordinator of YASC

She also urged the graduates to apply for business start up loans that are available for YASC graduates at the institution.

“We also urge them to apply for some start up loans that we give here to our graduates”, said

Young Africa provide loans of up two hundred United States dollars (US \$ 200) to their graduates to start up their income generating projects to ease the high formal unemployment levels prevailing in the country .

“If one manages to repay the initial loan granted, he/she will be eligible to apply for higher amount of up to US \$ 500.00”, continued

Those who do not want cash can also apply for startup kits which they can also use in starting their entrepreneurship ventures.

Parents forced to pay 2014 fees in advance

By Pride Mapuya.

Zengeza 1- Pfumo primary school in Zengeza 1 is forcing parents of prospective grade zero and one pupils for the January 2014 intake to pay school fees in advance.

The primary school authorities gave grade zero pupils circulars which were stating that grade zero and one intake for 2014 will be registered on the 4th of June 2013.

The circulars also stated that those accepted will have to pay full amount school fees of forty five dollars for grade zero and fifty dollars for grade 1 pupil on the 4 of July 2013.

The fees are non refundable if the pupil fails to take up the position in 2014

Even the kids in who are already enrolled in grade zero at that school must be registered for grade 1 next on that same date and also pay the full amount of fees.

Chitownews met four women with their kids already enrolled at the school doing grade zero who were questioning the motive of registering a pupil who is already in enrollment at their school.

“I am forced to register a pupil who is already enrolled, pay for next years’ fees and in two months time I need also to pay third terms fees”, said Mai Shantel Machirori of Mupfuti steet, Zengeza 1.

The women were very angry and were asking where the ministry of education is when they are being forced by the school to pay fees in advance.

One of the women claimed that they still owe the school other outstanding fees the current term and are now expected to pay fifty dollars for next year.

“It would have been better if we register our kids and pay \$10 for the place and then pay the school fees next term”, said Mai Shantel.

Efforts to get a comment from the school authorities proved fruitless as the headmaster was said to be away on elections duty.

The deputy head of the school told the Chitownews team to wait for him as he was supervising the writing of examinations but other commitments forced the Chitownews team to leave before getting the other side of the story from him.

