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To be an organization that inspires young people to be in full control of their destiny and that of Zimbabwe.

#### **Our Mission**

To develop sustainable leadership qualities in young people for their effective contribution to education ,the economy ,politics, culture, health and agriculture to enhance the quality of their and the countries' well being

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## ZRP Binga sabotage Youth Sports Festival



YOUTHS in the Lusulu area in Binga were left dumbfounded after police barred them from taking part in a youth sports for peace festival organized by the National Youth Development Trust (NYDT)on Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of January 2011.

Upon arrival at Lusulu High School the organisers were summoned to the police station where they were informed that the event should not proceed as planned because it needed to be cleared from Hwange District and not Binga. They claimed that Binga police only deal with small meetings and not big events like the one the organization sought to hold. Hwange district is more than 200km away from where the event was scheduled

It is also alleged that the same police officers had on the previous day visited most homesteads, threatening community members and warning them not to attend the event. The headmaster of Lisulu High School was also warned against hosting the peace event, forcing him to instruct boarding school students to be locked away on the day of the festival.

Regardless of a notification letter sent to the police through Cllr Mukombwe on 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2011, the NYDT team and the Ward Councilor were summoned to

Binga police station, where they were interrogated and threatened with arrest by the officer in Charge only identified Superintendent Makara. The officers also chased away young people and other spectators who had gathered at the venue as soon as the organizing team was summoned to the police station.

Superintendent Makara claimed that he had not received the notification letter as he was not at the station at the time the letter was delivered. Interestingly enough though, during the heated arguments he had with the NYDT team, he confessed having seen the letter and stressed that it was

supposed to have been submitted to Hwange.

Officers manning the station exhibited arrogance and disrespect for the ward councilor as they constantly asked him to identify himself claiming that they did not know who he was. They also asked Mr Liberty Bhebhe, the Director of NYDT and Mr Njabulo Moyo, NYDT projects Officer, to produce identity documents from their employer. After explaining to the officers that as an organization they didn't have such Identity cards they were threatened with twelve hours detention each.

Youths who had been dispersed by the police were seen hanging around nearby shops with the hope that the issue would be resolved soon to make way for the netball and football matches to start. Binga residents stressed that harassment of this nature has become common in the area and that police are largely abusing their powers through sabotaging Non-Governmental Organisation (NGOs) activities. They also said that there seems to be a waging war between local leaders and the police force.

"This is not the first time that police have disrupted events I am a part of. I think they have a vendetta against me" Said Cllr Mukombwe.

"This event would have been a great success if you young people had not involved the local councilor." said an elderly man who witnessed the incident "The police probably think this event is politically motivated because this councilor is an MDC T official.

Among other statements that clearly indicated abuse of power and a lack of concern for the people he serves, the Officer in Charge told the NYDT team that the activity was not going to take place and that he had nothing to lose or gain as he hails from Gokwe.

Another cause for concern is the fact that none of the police officers who addressed the team spoke in a local Tonga or Sindebele language. They addressed everyone in Shona even when they realised that not everyone there understood the language.

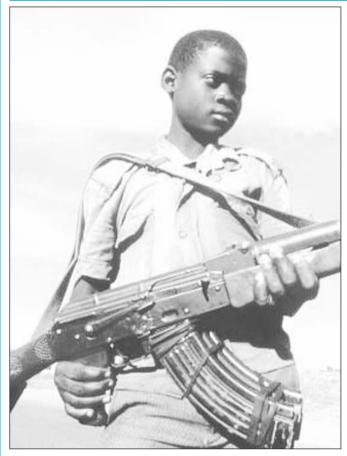
This adversely affects the whole community and stalls progress towards community development initiatives. The police force also needs to duly respect community leaders and avoid ridiculing them in public." Said NYDT director, Liberty Bhebhe. Otherwise this is confirmation that these officers do not have Binga's interests at heart and hence do not prioritise community development initiatives in the

Bhekimpilo Ndlovu, a young lady who had travelled over 50 kilometers to participate in the sports festival, expressed dismay at the police officers' conduct. She stated that netball is her passion and she had hoped to fully utilize her talent as well as benefit a lot from the discussions that were later going to be conducted by the

NYDT donated some sports equipment to the disappointed youths so that they could continue with the sport initiative in their ward despite NYDT's absence and in the hope that the team would soon return to hold a full programme of the peace building initiative.

The Binga Sports Festival is just one in a series of youth friendly events NYDT is holding in the Matabeleland region as youth friendly initiatives to build team work and get young people to engage on peace building, democracy and governance issues. Events like arts concerts, mobile cinemas, workshops, public lectures and policy dialogue meetings designed especially to engage youths are lined up for areas like Insiza, Gwanda, Lupane, Hwange, Beitbridge, Nkayi and Tsholotsho amongst other areas.

### NYDT's position on introduction of National Youth Service from crèche



THE leadership and membership of the National Youth Development Trust received with unreserved dismay the Ministry of Youth's proposal to (re) introduce National Youth Service (NYS) from crèche (Newsday 15/01/2011). The move is an unruly violation of the rights of the children and youths who need access to basic services and employment opportunities rather than being incorporated into a partisan paramilitary training.

The most touted raison d'etre for the training program

is that it is an attempt at cultivating a sense of patriotism amongst young people by teaching them 'patriotic' history. It is in light of this that NYDT asks, What is this patriotic history? and to whom is it patriotic?. The behaviour of graduates of previous National youth service training programs, has proved that this so called teaching of patriotic history is an excuse by some political parties to indoctrinate young people for use as campaign tools and violence machinery.

The timing for the re-introduction of the NYS is also suspicious. What makes it even more suspicious is the urgency and clandestine nature with which the Ministry of youth is prepared to start implementation. The re-introduction comes barely a few months after the ZANU PF conference through which it resolved to immediately target young people and "lure" them to join the party and prepare it for elections which could be held anytime this year, hence this urgent need to re-introduce the national Youth service training program.

ZANU PF is fully aware of the fact that their 'Chimurenga' generation has reached sunset years and will not be energetic enough in the next election hence the urgent need to replace it with a young, brain-washed and para-military trained generation. It seeks to sustain its militarilisation of politics and to guarantee the generational continuity of the

'Chimurenga' generation by recruiting and indoctrinating young people through programs such as

The use of such a program to further partisan interests and lack of consultation on the nature and form of the training programme is a direct insult to democratic principles. Citizenship involves the right to be treated by fellow human beings as equals, with respect to the

making of collective choices and the obligation of those implementing such choices to be equally accountable and accessible to all members of the country including youths and children.

As NYDT, we therefore call upon all Zimbabwean youths to reject the current proposals by the ministry of Youth, Indigenization and Empowerment and call upon the Ministry, the Inclusive Government of Zimbabwe and all stakeholders to convene a National Dialogue on the issue as a way of finding lasting solutions to the challenges faced by the programme. In convening the National Dialogue, Article 15 of the Global Political Agreement, which states that the parties need to work on a program that inculcates values of patriotism, nonviolence, democracy, equality, respect etc, must be the guiding framework.

The Government should be the custodian of the National Dialogue process and as an organization we envisage that the process should recommend that the ministry must,

> Reform its structures and make them more democratic and inclusive

> consult youths and stakeholders on such and other programs.

> develop and make accessible the training materials of the NYS program,

> make the NYS program voluntary and in line with other regional and international best practices.

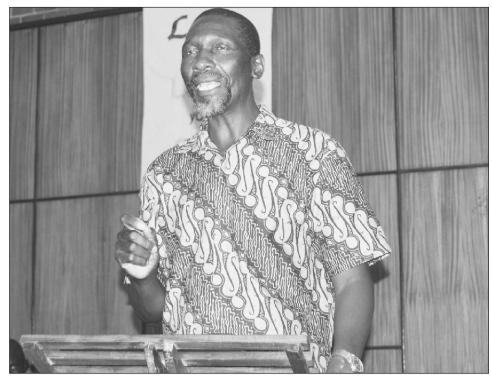
> purge the NYS program of all partisan machinations and professionalize it.

> ensure that the NYS centres are safe, clean and befitting for human habitation,

train youths on civilian rather than military skills to enhance their employability rather than usage as drivers of political violence.

NYDT continues to envision an empowered breed of youths in control of their destiny and that of Zimbabwe and shall continue to mobilize youths and work with stakeholders for the realization of this cause.

## "No sacred cows" in truth recovery process: Hon Ndlovu



Young people in Bulawayo have resolved to embark on a youth driven national healing, peace building and transitional justice exercise in a bid to jolt to action the Organ on National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration (ONHRI) which has done little to gain society's confidence since formation two years ago.

Speaking at a round table meeting organised by the National Youth Development Trust (NYDT) to provide a rare interface between young people and the organ on "The role of youths in peace building and transitional justice" Youths stressed their disappointment at the lack of serious action taken by the ONHRI in stalling incidents of political and social violence in Zimbabwe.

"We would like to know what the organ is doing to ensure that as young people we are guaranteed a peaceful future and that the perpetrators of violence in our midst will face justice for past human rights violations" asked a male participant.

Hon.M Mzila Ndlovu, the newest member of the Organ on National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration (ONHRI) said he was convinced there would be no prosecution of perpetrators but assured young people that none would be left unscathed by the coming truth recovery and reconciliation exercise. He stressed that at the very least, the truth must be

"The position as far as I'm concerned is that there are no sacred cows. No one is above what we demand to do because of their position in politics. Whether you are a head of state or Prime Minister or a Deputy Prime Minister or a Minister. In fact my view is that the higher the position in society, the higher the obligation to divulge the truth." Said Hon Ndlovu.

The Minister also emphasised that the lack of easy access to information had lead to a lot of ignorant young people being taken for granted and failing to make critical decisions based on politically independent thought.

"Seek information outside the realm of your political parties. Have independent thought." Said Hon. Ndlovu. "You can't confront the truth if you don't seek it. Seek information on the work of the Organ on National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration because If you don't know then you are ignorant'

Ndlovu was reacting to the admission by most participants at the meeting that they did not know what is contained in the Unity Accord of 1987 document arguing that it would be difficult to understand the current policies of ZANU PF if they did not know the background and contents of the Unity Accord. The minister stated that unless young people remained ignorant and did not seek information, then they would remain in danger of being used and patronised by

Hon Ndlovu commended and encouraged the National Youth Development Trust to continue with its work of providing platforms where young people can engage policy

makers as well as take responsibility for their future because they are leaders of today and the future.

Speaking at the same meeting Christian Alliance Director Reverend (Rev) Useni Sibanda said it was the mandate of the ONHRI to create platforms that bring both victims and perpetrators to the table to resolve their differences. He sighted that there has been no conflict resolution that has taken place in the world without an attempt to bring both the victims and perpetrators together to talk about the violent

"There must be a neutral facility that can work at bringing both victims and perpetrators to sit around the table and begin to talk." Said Rev. Sibanda. "yes people are hurting but we need to move from being a victim to being a survivor. This is a long journey but if you remain a victim then the perpetrator will remain victorious over you both in the past and in the present" Rev. Sibanda added.

Some of the recommendations arrived at this meeting were

- NYDT should advocate for a clear and inclusive policy for transitional justice and peace building;
  - Create platforms were youths and leaders can discuss this critical issue for Zimbabwe;
- Working with the Ministry of National Healing, encourage government and society as a whole to create a critical mass in demand for transitional

Youths also urged NYDT to constantly call on the organ and

- Account to the nation on the progress of the National Healing, Reconciliation and Integration.
- Consult stakeholders and formulate a policy to initiate transitional justice and the building of lasting peace in Zimbabwe.
- To honour the GPA in its social and moral duty to build lasting Peace in Zimbabwe.

in turn made a call to stakeholders such as media and civic society, to honour their moral responsibility towards the realisation of transitional justice and lasting peace on Zimbabwe. While it urged the youths of Zimbabwe to help build the country in positive ways and refrain from violence as an extension of the repression and violation of people's

## Mobile Cinemas: A new and effective tool of engaging today's youth

NYDT has taken a new approach to youth development using youth friendly platforms like the mobile cinema and interactive street theatre concepts amongst others to attract and engage young people on issues of democracy, governance and peace building.

"In my close to ten years of dealing with young people on different development issues, I have come to realise that they are a dynamic lot needing innovative ways of engagement ." says Liberman Bhebhe, the NYDT Director General . "Conventional Style Public meetings do not always attract young people especially in a political climate such as ours. So one has to constantly think of innovative ways to get them to stop, listen and open up on issues"

The mobile cinema concept is quite uncommon in Zimbabwe and has recently been used by NYDT to gauge young

people's knowledge of issues. It involves the screening of documentaries that speak to a particular theme and then getting audiences to discuss their thoughts and feelings around the film.

'We noticed the great results of this approach when we launched the " HIV/AIDS Alternative Solutions" project in October last year. Instead of telling youths the effects of AIDS we decided to show them some graphic pictures which made them start talking amongst themselves about why and how HIV was mostly affecting young people " recalled the

The success of the HIV/AIDS mobile cinema concept led to the organisation adopting the same concept in facilitating debates on issues of political importance. The latest film was screened in Nkulumane the community will know that there is a

constituency where more than a hundred young people watched a peace building documentary made in Kenya titled "Kenya-Pre and Post Elections". After the screening, young people were better positioned to compare the Kenyan and Zimbabwean situations and to project on the better steps Zimbabweans can take towards healing the

In discussions that followed the screening, young people expressed the need for Zimbabwean youths to be the forerunners of peace-building initiatives as they were the front runners of past violent actions.

"We need to take initiatives and drive the peace projects in our communities because we have been the ones used to perpetrate violence in the past" commented a young man after the screening."If we do this then breed of young people that is willing to shun violence because right now we are seen as a misguided and radical lot that will do anything for a bottle of beer" he added.

Speaking during the Nkulumane Mobile Cinema show, the NYDT Programmes Officer, Mr Bhekumusa Moyo, said the mobile cinema concept has allowed young people to look at issues from an outsider's point of view so that they can see themselves from a different angle and hence realise the implications of their actions.

'At times we do not see what we are doing until we take ourselves out of the situation and look from a different angle. This is what mobile cinemas have allowed us to do. To allow young people to view their situations from a far away angle in order to be accountable for their actions." Said Moyo.

## "Violence hinders our participation" Zimnyama youths

PAST election violence still haunts young meeting. "We are not free to express community who due to youth apathy became they have the power and right to make a processes in rural Matabeleland. At an NYDT organized policy dialogue meeting held in Zimnyama's ward 2 in Bulilima District Plumtree, young people highlighted that in as much as they would love to take part in civic processes, they are still haunted by the brutality that occurred during the 2008 elections. As it stands, many young people especially in remote areas are still too scared to attend policy formulation processes or any other civic or political meetings thereby limiting their contribution and benefits from national building processes.

"We stay away because we are afraid of encountering any political retaliation or of being singled out as politically incorrect in the community" echoed most youths at the

people to an extent of shunning civic ourselves or freely associate with anyone we the forefront of most activities even those difference in the country while some may want to lest we be seen as belonging to a certain political party" added one of them. A few of the participants showed knowledge on the constitution while the majority exhibited ignorance on what a constitution is and the role they could play in shaping it.

The public meeting was held to reflect on the fate of constitution making and elections in Zimbabwe as well as on how youths in the district can actively take part to influence positive change and make their voices heard by the national leadership.

While young people commended the work by NYDT of giving youths platforms to express themselves while empowering them to take up leadership positions, many of them complained that their space continued to be taken by elderly members of the

specifically designed for the youth.

The speaker at the meeting Ngqabutho Ndlovu, who presented at this meeting, urged young people to adopted the phrase "nothing for us without us" and encouraged youths to stand their ground because such opportunities allow them to contribute and make their voices heard.

Low levels of participation in developmental programmes have been noted, not just amongst young people, but also specifically amongst young women as well. In many of the meetings and events held by NYDT, men almost always out number their female counterparts and this has been linked to both lack of interest as well as a lack of opportunity.

"Many young girls do not understand that

wish to but social, cultural and possibly economic situations force them to stay away from these meetings"

E. Masisa Ndlovu, councilor for Zimnyama Ward 2, commended NYDT's step to involve young people in national process by disseminating information through public meetings, lectures, debates amongst other platforms. Young people at the meeting also expressed gratitude for being chosen amongst 22 wards in Bulilima, to discuss these pertinent issues. Participants also highlighted that the meeting came at the right time because many of their peers were being lured into border jumping in search of greener pastures in neighbouring countries Botswana and South Africa.

## Have your say: Question for this issue

What is your view on Government's intended introduction of National Youth Service (NYS) from crèche level?







#### Sabelo Sihwa

It is nonsense and would be nothing less than child National Youth Service, is ok but the problem in abuse. Children should be given the chance to learn and Zimbabwe is that it can be applied in a partisan government must concentrate on fixing things not manner. This exercise must be transparent and indoctrinating kinder garten kids. We do not want child

#### Reason Nyampwa

political. It must also be for those who want to join it not compulsory.

#### Silibaziso Ngwenya

The service must not be introduced from crèche as this will destabilise the minds of young children from a very tender age. There are many ways of encouraging patriotism without placing children under a strict regiment of military styled drills

## Hwange youths bemoan lack of development opportunities

Youths will have no one but themselves to blame for Zimbabwe's ills if they do not participate in civic issues Mzwandile Ndlovu a young civic society activist has warned. Speaking at a NYDT organized meeting at Lwendulu Primary School in Hwange to gather youth views on whether elections should precede the unveiling of a new Zimbabwe constitution or not, on January 15, Ndlovu encouraged his peers to stand firm in their quest to safeguard national interest as defined by them as the leaders of today and the future. Ndlovu also emphasised the importance of youth participation in national processes and called for unity among young people as working together would ensure success in their endeavours to bring about positive change at local and national levels.

Jubilant Sibanda, a presenter at the same

meeting also urged young men and women to take leadership positions and call for the unification of tribes as well as be vigilant and vibrant when it comes to national issues as they are the most affected by challenges such as unemployment.

Participants at the meeting had heated debates over what has to come first between the elections and the referendum considering that the consultative stages of the constitution making process had already been done. However many youths expressed concern that the constitution making process had been turned into a parliamentary and not people driven affair. Most youths also felt that the 31 year old 'Lancaster House' constitution with its 19 amendments was not good enough for the good governance of the country.

"If elections are to be held before a new businesses also suffer from low production fully.

constitution is drawn up, a mechanism to ensure peace during campaigns and after the elections must be formulated." Said a young woman at the meeting. "There should be international, regional and local observers inclusive of all major international bodies. This is the only way to guarantee the elections are democratic, free and fair" she added.

Hwange youths also bemoaned the lack of employment and development opportunities despite the fact that Hwange is one of the richest areas in terms of resources in Zimbabwe. Hwange has been noted as one of the most under developed areas in Zimbabwe with a high unemployment rate and few development opportunities for young people despite being the largest coal producer in the country and region. Hwange important processes by simply participating

levels due to the effects of power surges even though it has the largest thermal power station in the country if not Southern Africa. Hwange youths also questioned the role of the Electoral Act, questioning whether it is serving its purpose fully. They also castigated the security acts such as POSA, AIPPA as draconian and infringing on people's rights to self expression and free association.

The speakers called out to other youths to contribute to nation building processes rather than being bystanders as their voices will not be heard. They emphasized that which ever comes first between the elections and the referendum the youths should be able to safe guard national interests and contribute positively to these

## Beitbridge Youths Trained in Leadership

Beitbridge town and its surroundings areas have been trained in Leadership, lobbying and advocacy through a programme facilitated by NYDT to ensure that young people are adequately equipped to take up leadership positions that arise in their communities.

T he one day training was held on 13 January 2011 and covered areas such as Leadership ,Lobbying, Advocacy, Community Mobilisation, Human Rights Monitoring, Documentation and Citizen reporting or journalism.

Workshop participants expressed gratitude for the rare opportunity of empowerment as it involved rural youths

usually sidelined when it comes to empowerment or development programmes in favour of their urban based counterparts.

'we are thankful for such a workshop as it was informative. Most of us were ignorant of leadership traits and have perceived that leaders are only born and not made" said a male participant. "It gives us hope to know that we can build ourselves to be leaders if we have the right mindset and the proper guidance" he added.

Youths confessed that Africa has more or less given them a

who are normally very active and eager to participate but are negative example of leadership as most leaders did not want to make way for younger and fresher ideas. This, they say, made them think leaders were born to stay and die in power.

> 'It is my wish that such workshops do not end here but are conducted in other areas as well" said Adam, another youth at the workshop.

> Civic activist, pastor and leadership consultant Anglestone Sibanda emphasized that information is the cornerstone in the struggle against discrimination.

## Youths applaud peace concert initiative but...



Umdumo Wesizwe entertains the crowd with gospel tune



Part of the crowd that attend the Arts For Peace concert

NYDT has held a first of its kind "Arts for Peace

Concert" to promote peace building and

transitional justice through the use of various art

forms in Zimbabwe. More than 250 young

people from in and around the constituency

gathered at Nkulumane Hall to watch 10 arts

groups perform different art pieces around the

Some of the groups which performed include

Isazi, Syfo, Victory Siyanqoba, Nothando,

Ntando, Sithandazile, MPPA, Umdumo

Wesizwe, Dumi Mhlanga and Nketa High

School Drama Club, all drawn from the

"Art is a universal language which easily appeals

to and is understood by, different groups of

people at the same time" said Bhekumusa Moyo,

programmes manager for NYDT. "This arts

concert is meant to send a single message to

different groups of young people by using

various arts forms such as music, poetry and

In delivering his welcome remarks, the Mayor of

Bulawayo Councilor Thaba Moyo urged young

people to realize the importance of using art to

transform communities. The mayor also

encouraged young people to shun violence and

begin to cultivate a culture of peace in their

respective communities. He urged young people

to be actively involved in community

development initiatives and to counter societal

stereotypes that view young people as a

drama amongst other art forms" said Moyo.

 $theme\,'Youths\,Building\,Peace\,\hat{i}n\,Zimbabwe'.$ 

the Arts For Peace concert

misguided group. Councillors Bent and Malaba

also graced the event.

NYDT Programmes Manager Mmeli Dube emphasized the importance of using arts as developmental and peace building tool that seeks to transform communities and change young people's attitudes.

"Art is one of the biggest employers of young people in our society today and must be maximized as a tool of empowering, developing and transforming our communities into vibrant, democratic and peaceful zones" Dube said.

The arts for peace concert was run under the auspices of the Youth Peace Building Project which seeks to promote a culture of peace and tolerance among young people from different socio-political divides. Dube also discouraged the young audience from being used as agents of political violence by political leaders as this has produced a breed of highly polarized youths who lack a vision of building a peaceful Zimbabwe.

Amongst the most loved performers was the group Victory Siyanqoba who gave a massive drama performance addressing the issues of the current political landscape, the corrupt activities and injustices found right across the spectrum of Zimbabwe's governance system. Through different art forms, youths were urged to refuse to be used as perpetrators of violence but resort to more peaceful means of resolving conflict situations in their communities.

Sithandazile Dube, a social poet underscored the

need for the perpetrators of political violence dating back to before independence to acknowledge their wrong doings ,seek forgiveness and pave way for true national healing.

Umdumo Wesizwe a contemporary imbubegospel outfit gave a splendid performance which was unfortunately cut short by police officers from the Nkulumane PISI unit who demanded that the show be stopped as they claimed it had not been cleared by the police.. 'It is unfortunate that the police choose to apply the laws differently from the way we understand them. What we know is that only meetings of a political nature should be cleared by the police, while all other activities such as arts events can simply notify the police and that's what we did" said NYDT Director Liberman Bhebhe after a heated debate with the police on the application of the law.

Speaking on the sidelines of the concert, young people also expressed disappointment at the police action which brought the show to an abrupt end and at its peak. They described this as a violation of their freedom of expression and association and said it was ironic that police as the official peace keepers were stopping events meant to promote peace in the country and communities.

"We expect police officers to support and show by example that they promote peace, but when they stop such good events which are meant to promote peace and to help young people engage in peaceful conduct we get confused as to what they expect us to do" said a disappointed performer whose arts group did not get to perform at the concert. "We wonder why people who should lead by example speak left but act right" he concluded.

Youths however applauded NYDT for its initiative in bringing such a rare event to their ward and said it created a platform for interaction and networking between artist and other young people. Besides promoting a culture of peace the event also tapped into local talent, helping young people to fully realise art as a tool for sustainable leadership development.

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BEST IN HIS CURRENT
ENDEVOURS AND HOPE THAT

THIS WILL OPEN NEW
CHAPTERS FOR THE YOUTH
MOVEMENT

AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO ENSURE A

CONJUCIVE ENVIRONMENT FOR
YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN ZIMBABWE.
FAREWELL COMRADE!

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