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MEDIA INVITATION

YOUTH IMBIZO 2026 TO MARK 50 YEARS SINCE THE 1976 UPRISING AND 30 YEARS OF SOUTH AFRICA'S CONSTITUTION

GINSBERG, EASTERN CAPE – The Nelson Mandela Museum, in partnership with the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA), the University of Fort Hare, Walter Sisulu University, and Nelson Mandela University, invites members of the media to attend and cover the Third Annual Youth Imbizo, taking place on 19 June 2026 at the Steve Biko Centre in Ginsberg.

Held under the theme “From Consciousness to Freedom: Youth Shaping the Next 30 Years of Democracy,” the Youth Imbizo brings together young leaders, students, activists, policymakers, academics, and civil society to reflect on South Africa’s democratic journey and explore solutions to the challenges facing young people today.

The 2026 edition takes place during a historic year in which South Africa commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the 1976 Youth Uprising and the 30th Anniversary of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa. These milestones provide a powerful backdrop for critical conversations on youth development, unemployment, education, social justice, active citizenship, and the future of democracy.

Hosted at the home of Black Consciousness icon Steve Biko, the Imbizo will draw inspiration from the enduring legacies of Steve Biko and Nelson Mandela. Their philosophies continue to resonate with a generation seeking not only political freedom but also economic empowerment, social justice, intellectual growth, and digital inclusion.

The programme will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions, and youth-led dialogues focusing on the role of young people in shaping South Africa’s future over the next three decades.

Expected participants include:

- DSRAC MEC
- * Acting CEO of the Nelson Mandela Museum
- * CEO of the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA)
- * Student Representative Council (SRC) leaders from institutions of higher learning
- * Youth activists and emerging leaders from across the Eastern Cape and South Africa

This gathering presents a unique opportunity for media houses to capture the voices, aspirations, and concerns of South Africa’s youth at a pivotal moment in the nation’s history.

EVENT DETAILS

Date: Friday, 19 June 2026

Time: 10h00

Venue: Steve Biko Centre, Ginsberg, Eastern Cape

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