

## JUNIOR COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2001/2

### 1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The City of Windhoek constituted its first Junior Council in 1999 to serve as an advisory body to Council through its Management Committee as envisaged in Section 31(1)w of the Local Authorities Act (Act 23 of 1992). In executing its mandate, the Junior Council also identifies and implements specific projects for which resources are provided by the City authorities.

The 2002 Junior Council was officially inaugurated in May 2002 and consisted of the following:

#### Members of Junior Council

Member Name	School
1 Hikumuah Mary	Concordia College
2 Chipeio Christopher	Technical High School
3 Scott Arvil	Dawid Bezuidenhout High School
4 Angula Shipuleni Hafeni	Jan Jonker Afrikaner
5 Katjiuongua Venessa Lizzette	Centaurus High School
6 Platt Debbie	Jan Möhr Secondary School
7 Jason Jason	A.Shipena Secondary School
8 Kazondunge Veripi	Cosmos High School
9 Rittman Priscilla	St. Paul's College
10 Isaacs Elmo	Pionner Boys Schools
11 Diehl Christine	Deutsche Hohere Privatschulle
12 Mutelo Getrude	Ella du Plessis
13 Malan Saretha	Academia High School
14 De Jager Etiene	Windhoek High School
15 Nowaseb Ludwig	Augustineum Secondary School
16 Undari Petrus	Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School

Amongst their members, the Junior Councilors elected the following

#### Executive Committee:

Nowoseb Ludwig (Junior Mayor)	Augustineum Secondary School
Platt Debbie (Deputy Junior Mayor)	Jan Möhr Secondary School
Malan Saretha	Academia High School
Undari Petrus (Treasurer)	Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School

#### Alternate members of Junior Council

Member Name	School
1 Pombili Shipilla	Concordia College
2 Uatjiua Utezemburukisa	Windhoek Technical High
3. Van Rooi Calvin	Dawid Bezuidehount High School
4. Simon Hatutale	Jan Jonker Afrikaner
5. Nashima Rebecca	Centaurus High School
6. Kelber Shaun	Jan Möhr Secondary School

7. Harases Slyvia D	A. Shipena Secondary School
8. Pieters Seriah	Cosmos High School
9. Mulongeni Pancho	St. Paul's College
10. Frank -Schultz Claudia	Deutsche Hohere Privatschule
11. Mbabi Eden	Ella du Plessis High School
12. Basson Howard	Academia High School
13. Anestiene Groenwardl	Windhoek High School
14. Karuumombe Victoria	Augustineum Secondary School
15. Virore Alwina	Immanuel Shifidi Secondary School

## 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

The Constitution of the Junior Council provides for the following aims and objectives:

- To foster a spirit of unity among learners from different cultural backgrounds.
- To provide a vehicle by which high school learners may obtain knowledge of civic affairs.
- To create an organization representative of the learners of all the secondary schools in the Windhoek Local Authority Area.
- To report back to schools all information pertaining to the junior council and civic responsibilities.
- To create a liaison between school learners of Windhoek and the Windhoek City Council.
- To set an example, which will encourage learners of the schools represented to participate actively in civic affairs.
- To correspond and communicate with other Junior Councils and similar youth bodies.
- To create a platform to develop the leadership and organizational skills of the Junior Council.

## 3. PROJECTS OF THE JUNIOR COUNCIL

Specific projects

The Junior Council identified and implemented the following projects:

- HIV/AIDS Awareness Raising and Teenage Parenthood Prevention
- Disability Awareness Raising
- Old-Age Homes Support
- Cleanest City Initiative

### 3.1 Old Age Home Support Project

The project was embarked upon in order

- To acknowledge and appreciate the important contributions made by the elders to develop our City and Country.
- To demonstrate and reassure elders of the love and respect that the young people have for them and through such act seek to improve mutual understanding.
- To raise awareness about old age as an inevitable stage in the life -span of human beings.
- To create awareness of the needs of the elderly.
- To help keep old age homes clean.

In executing this project, the Junior Council was aided by fellow learners and donors from Namib Housing ( Mr Mouton), Namibia Cooling Systems (Mr Martin) and Albarakah Cash & Carry (Mr Mohammed).

The following activities were carried out under this project:

- 3.1.1 On 1 June 2002 the Junior Mayor launched the project at the Katutura Old Age Home. On this occasion learners cleaned the premises of the old age home and donated 30 x blankets, 30 x pillows and 30 x pillowcases and treated the elderly to a braaivleis and drinks. The media extensively covered the event.
- 3.1.2 On 14 September 2002 a clean-up operation was carried out at the Senior Park in Pioneerspark. Thereafter, elders were treated to a braaivleis and drinks.
- 3.1.3 On 21 September 2002 the clean-up operation was extended to the JT Potgieter Home in Windhoek West, whereafter a braaivleis and drinks were served.

The interactions between the youths and the elderly were very lively and greatly appreciated by the latter. We are confident that better understanding of old age as a stage in life was promoted in this regard.

### 3.2 Cleanest City Initiative

Through this project the youths seek to complement the efforts of the City Authorities to promote the image of Windhoek as a very tidy City through public education and awareness raising initiatives among youths and learners and by inculcating in their minds a sense of ownership and pride for their immediate environment.

In order to meet the above, six (6) different schools were represented in this working group and the following were successfully accomplished:

- 3.2.1 The working group held a clean-up campaign in Khomasdal, Rand Street area, on 13 April 2002 where different primary schools in the surroundings participated.
- 3.2.2 The working group has painted six (6) skip containers by involving all six schools represented in the group. These skip containers were delivered at the celebrations of the Day of the African Child on 16 June 2002.
- 3.2.3 Another clean-up campaign was successfully held on 29 June 2002 in the surrounding areas of Omulunga, Etetewe and Omuvapu Streets.
- 3.2.4 The working group further organized an Awareness Raising Competition, which involved different secondary schools on cleanliness of the city starting at households. The Namibian Breweries, as prizes for the participating schools were distributed, sponsored the competition. Then, on the same day, 10 July 2002, a panel discussion on NBC TV (Youth Program) was also held, which was informative and educational.
- 3.2.5 Finally, the working group completed its schedule with another clean-up campaign that was held at Goreangab where three (3) different schools from the Goreangab Extensions were also involved. This took place on 21 September 2002.

### 3.3 HIV/AIDS Awareness Raising and Teenage Parenthood Prevention

Through this initiative the Junior Council endeavoured:

- To raise awareness about the reality and danger of HIV/AIDS, its causes and what youths could do to prevent infection.
- To address the problems of stigmatization related to HIV/AIDS infections,
- To tackle the problem of pregnancies amongst learners by providing them with information about what they could do to protect themselves.

Under this project the following activities were undertaken:

- 3.3.1 HIV/AIDS awareness raising training programme was held for both serving and alternate Junior Council members.
- 3.3.2 A survey to gauge the level of knowledge and awareness about HIV/AIDS amongst grade 10 to 12 learners in 16 secondary schools in Windhoek was carried out by the Junior Councilor, with the support of the Ministry of Basic Education and our Health Services. The survey established that learners were well informed about the problem of HIV/AIDS. On the basis of this survey a Health Plan was prepared for each school. The Plan will be provided to the subsequent Junior Council for implementation over the next two to three years at all secondary schools in Windhoek.
- 3.3.3 On 2 October 2002 the Junior Council officially launched their project at Centaurus High School and shared the outcome of the survey. Officiating at this occasion, the Chief Executive Officer of the City, Mr M Shipanga, shared the startling results of the Impact Assessment Study on HIV/AIDS' conducted by SIAPAC and stressed the significance of the results for the City of Windhoek.
- 3.3.4 An HIV/AIDS role-play was also performed during the launch and generated a lot of interest and debate amongst learners.
- 3.3.5 The Junior Council also lobbied their schools management and ensured that relevant information on HIV/AIDS was shared at numerous occasions during school gatherings. The launch was covered by the Media.

#### 3.4 Disability Awareness Raising

This project could not be executed because EHAFO that was identified as the strategic partner did not have the capacity to collaborate due to internal difficulties they were experiencing. It will be up to the subsequent Junior Council to decide whether or not they want to implement the project during their term.

#### 3.5 General output

- 3.5.1 The Junior Council assisted MultiChoice with the launch of KTV (Kids TV) during August. Thirteen Junior Councilors were identified to participate in the event.
- 3.5.2 The Junior Mayor was invited by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Affairs to be the keynote speaker on the Day of the Namibian Child in Otjiwarongo, with particular reference to the need to create a Children's Parliament. On this occasion the Junior Mayor promoted the idea of establishing Junior Councils in other towns and extensively popularized the Windhoek Junior Council. The mayor of Otjiwarongo stated that they too will consider to establish one.

#### 4. CONCLUDING REMARKS

An improvement in the execution of their projects and duties has been noted in the 2002 Junior Council. Project proposals submitted by the various service departments of the City, for the consideration of the Junior Council not only facilitated project identification, but also ensured the availability of a local/internal implementing partner for the project. This greatly enhanced project implementation.

It is essential still to vigorous market the concept of having a Junior Council among school learners, youths and the public in order to draw awareness about the importance of this platform for youth participation in civic matters. In this regard the project must be promoted in schools, among learners, teachers and school authorities to improve communication and to win their support. In 2002, 16 out of 17 Secondary Schools within the City of Windhoek area participated, except for the Afrikaans Privaat School. Efforts will be made to seek their full participation in 2003, hence they were participants in the Junior Council previously. Further, communication with the coordinating teachers of Junior Council activities in the various schools and their principals must be improved.

The Junior Council activities will greatly benefit from the designation of a full-time coordinator from within the ranks of the coordinating unit of this project. This will be attainable after the envisaged structural improvements to the Community Development Division have been finalized.

## 5 PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED IN 2001

### 5.1 Painting of Skip Containers

The Junior Council initiated the painting of sixteen (16) skip containers in collaboration with Solid Waste Management that were placed at specific identified schools. The purpose of the project is to be seen as part of the President's Clean-up Challenge aiming at raising awareness on the upkeep of the City to be as clean as possible by sending out a message to residents on what ought to be done with refuse and what not. The first phase was successfully completed, but since this would be an ongoing activity, the Junior Council took it upon itself to ensure that all containers distributed around the City would be painted with specific messages that would help raise awareness and educate the residents.

### 5.2 The Day of the African Child

The Junior Council also participated in the commemoration of "The Day of the African Child" (June 16, 2001) spearheaded by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Welfare. The Junior Mayor delivered a speech while the Deputy Mayor presented certificates to those who were honored at that day.

The theme of this year's commemoration was "The Protection of Children Against Abuse and Exploitation", which was attended by Ministers, the Governor of the Khomas Region, Honourable John Pandeni, a UNICEF representative, the Deputy Mayor of the Windhoek City Council, the Namibian Breweries, various schools and youth organizations.

### 5.3 Resident's Cleaning Operation

The Junior Council, on July 20, 2001 actively partook in the Cleaning Operation initiated by the St. Andrew's Primary School in conjunction with Solid Waste Management. From this exercise, the Junior Council resolved that similar projects would be embarked upon during the year 2001 and extra efforts shall be made to ensure that parents and businesses are involved more vigorously in such operations.

#### 5.4 The Day of the Namibian Child

The Junior Council, on September 28, 2001 partook in the historic celebrations of the “Day of the Namibian Child” which was initiated by the Ministry of Women Affairs and Child Welfare.

It was the first time that such an event is organized in the country and came as a result of a decision taken by Cabinet during May this year. This day was commemorated to rededicate Namibia to its commitment towards her children. The theme of the event was “Invest in Children – Strengthen the Nation”, which reflects Namibia’s view that our children are the country’s most precious resource. The theme further suggests that the future of the country depends on how well the country care for its children, nurture and educate them in preparing them to assume their roles as future leaders of the country.

Emphasis was placed on the eight (8) children’s rights as contained in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, which are the following:

- Equal treatment for all children
- Respecting children’s views
- Right to education
- Right to health
- Rights to play
- Justice for children
- Putting an end to exploitation
- Protecting children from violence

#### 5.6 Arts Competition

The Junior Council initiated an Environmental Project involving all Secondary Schools by submitting a drawing/sketch and a poem. The theme was “The Environment and the role the youth should play to protect it” with specific reference to the situation experienced in the City of Windhoek.

Fifteen Secondary Schools partook in the competition that was made possible by the assistance received from the National Arts Gallery and other linguistic experts in English who adjudicated the different poems submitted by the different schools.

The judges were surprised as they detected an untapped potential among school learners who made the presentations and this talent made the judgements very complicated in selecting the overall winners of both the poems and the sketches.

The price giving event was highly promoted by the presence of both the printed as well as the electronic media who provided full coverage thereof. A special word of appreciation should be forwarded to Carmen Honey of the Namibian Youth paper who covered the history of the Junior Council very extensively in her paper. At the end, winners, that are the schools and the individual learners, received prizes, which were paid through a vote specifically created for the activities of the Junior Council by the Finance Department of the City of Windhoek.

The winners of this competition were as follows:

#### THE WINNERS OF THE DRAWING/SKETCH

First Price	Toivo Mbangula	Concordia College	N\$1 000.00 (school)	N\$ 500.00 (student)
Second Price	Vincent Neto	Cosmos H/S	N\$ 500.00 (school)	N\$ 250.00 (student)
Third Price	Libolius Nekundi	Centuarus H/S	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 150.00 (student)
Third Price	K Engelhard	A Shipena S/S	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 150.00 (student)

#### THE WINNERS OF THE POEM

First Price	Estel Geldenhuys	Academia H/S	N\$1 000.00 (school)	N\$ 500.00 (student)
Second Price	Randy Hu	St. Pauls College	N\$ 500.00 (school)	N\$ 250.00 (student)
Third Price	Franklin Swartboo	Pioneers Boys/S	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 150.00 (student)
Third Price	Cathy Karuuombe	Shifidi S/S	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 150.00 (student)

#### 5.7 Environmental Debating Contest

The very last project the Junior Council has initiated was in the form of a competition that was broadcasted live on the NBC National Radio on October 23, 2001. The competition was in the form of a quiz where approximately thirty questions were prepared by the following institutions and individuals who need further praise:

- The late Munashe Shumba of IBIS
- Dhyani Berger - Social and Environmental Consultant
- Bertchen Kohrs – Earthlife Namibia
- Liz Komen – NARREC (Namibian Animal Rescue, Rehabilitation & Education Centre).

The above are experts and knowledgeable persons on various aspects of the environment who prepared the questions attached as pages “ “ to “ “ of the agenda. They also arranged a briefing session prior to the competition to prepare the Junior Councilors on what they should concentrate upon since the field of environment is quite immense.

The winning schools and the individual learners were all rewarded for their effort with funds granted by ICLEI. The winners of this competition were as follows:

#### FIRST PRICE: GROUP B

Romano Beukes	Jan Möhr Sec School	N\$ 500.00 (school)	N\$ 500.00 (student)
Helvi Hangula	Jan Jonker Afrikaner S/S	N\$ 500.00 (school)	N\$ 500.00 (student)
Jaco Jacobs	Technical High School	N\$ 500.00 (school)	N\$ 500.00 (student)

## SECOND PRICE: GROUP A

Ernst Grothkopf	Academia High School	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 300.00 (student)
Lelani Strauss	Cosmos High School	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 300.00 (student)
Pricilla Rittmann	St. Paul' College	N\$ 300.00 (school)	N\$ 300.00 (student)

## THIRD PRICE: GROUP D

Helvi Nghishiiko	Immanuel Shifidi H/S	N\$ 200.00 (school)	N\$ 200.00 (student)
Michael Hangula	A Shipena S/S	N\$ 200.00 (school)	N\$ 200.00 (student)
Aune Kapia	Centaurus High School	N\$ 200.00 (school)	N\$ 200.00 (student)

## FOURTH PRICE: GROUP C

Eunice Kaxuxuena	David Bez. H/S	N\$ 100.00 (school)	N\$ 100.00 (student)
Mhani Mathias	Ella Du Plessis H/S	N\$ 100.00 (school)	N\$ 100.00 (student)
Wilka Ashipala	Augustineum S/S	N\$ 100.00 (school)	N\$ 100.00 (student)

## 6 SUMMARY

The 2001 Junior Council experienced certain problems with their institution which mostly emanated from some secondary schools which delayed the process by submitting their nominations very late. This is evident from the fact that the inauguration only took place during May.

This delay, together with the long school holidays in between and the preparation for the final examinations towards the end of the year did not auger well for the planning, implementation and the result of an evaluation of the activities of the Junior Council is to rather identify few practical and implementable projects such as Youth Education on HIV/AIDS pandemic and others and to abandon bigger ones.

The other constraint the Junior Council has faced was the disregard of Alternate Junior Councilors for the year 2000 who were supposed to take over as the full Councilors for 2001. What came out from the schools instead was a nomination list of almost new nominees whilst the alternate members were left out completely.

This deficiency negatively impacted the transfer of experience and skills to the second Junior Council of the City. The purpose of having alternate councillors was henceforth defeated, as the initial succession plan could not be carried over.

## 7 JUNIOR COUNCILLORS FOR 2003

## 7.1 OFFICE BEARERS

NAME	DESIGNATION	SCHOOL
Shaun Kelber	Junior Mayor	Jan Möhr Secondary School
Pombili Shipila	Deputy Junior Mayor	Concordia College
Rebecca Nashima	Secretary	Centaurus High School
Simon Hatutale	Treasurer	Jan Jonker Afrikaner Secondary School

## 7.2 COUNCILLORS

School Surname	Names	Gr.	Surname	Names	Gr.
Afrikaans Privaat School	Atelle Joubert	11	Angelique Labuschagne		10
Concordia College	Pombili Shipilla	11	Samaes Darien		10
Tech High School Windhoek	Uatjiua Uetuzemburukisa	11			
D Bezuidenhout High School	Scott Aviril	11	Van Wyk Faralda		10
Jan Jonker Afrikaner	Simon Hatutale	11	Horabaeb Bernadus		10
Centaurus High School	Nashima Rebecca	11	Quinhones Ilka Guedes		10
Jan Möhr Secondary	Kelber Shaun	10	Van Wyk Anchen		10
A Shipena Secondary	Gertze Karen	11	Uugwanga Charles		10
Cosmos High School	Pieters Seriah	11	Boois Micheal		10
St. Paul's College	Pancho Mulongeni	11	Esther Taaipopi		10
Pioneer Boys School	Vries Rodney Nico	10	Kennedy Aoxamub		10
Deutsche Höhere Privatschule	Pereira Veila Ferreira	11	Judmann Clarissa		10
Ella du Plessis High	Nghilokwa Hambeleleni	11	Nekundi Ali		10
Academia High School	Bason Howard	11	Jacobs Riette		10
Windhoek High School	Groenewaldt Anastine	11	Langford Micol		10
Augustinium Sec School	Ananias Maria	11	Shaulwah Immanuel		10
Immanuel Shifidi Sec School	Ngavirue Nelson	11	Kapere Unomasa		10
Eldorado Secondary School	Feris Llewellyn	11	Muvangua Lorettha		10