



GENERATION JOIN UP

Group 1 Presentation

The areas that we have been assigned are:

*Hoogenoek



*Sun City



*Mary Waters



- The focus that our group has chosen is the increasing number of crimes committed by the youth.
- During the focus group session, it became obvious that older members of the community, ie. parents and those who make up the predominant income bracket, were concerned about the fact that younger members of the community were becoming more violent.
- The youth join gangs, and commit crimes such as rape, theft, assault and vandalism.
- Community members have begun to fear what the youth are becoming.

Focus Group Photos:



WHAT WE'RE ABOUT

As members of the younger generation, our group is attempting to highlight solutions within the communities rather than just identifying problems

VALUES AND IDEALS

- Leaving a lasting impact on the community rather creating stop gaps.
- Treating the members of the community as allies rather than victims.
- Bringing the community together and forging a sense of equality rather than isolating them.

VISION:

We aim to bridge the gap between the older and younger generations by forming communication lines that link them, and helping them to work together towards improving the community.

MISSION:

We aim to do this by:

- Defining and investigating the catalysts of the problems
- Identifying role models within the community
- Seeking alternative outlets for the youth
- Finding activities that involve the entire community

- In terms of public journalism, we are taking the bottom → up approach, and relying on community members to tell their own stories rather than relying on officials. For example, only two out of the eight participants in our focus group held a leadership position in their community.

We want to get the information from the community rather than officials, so that we can hear how crime committed by the youth is affecting them.

Our target audience is therefore members of our three different communities, specifically the youth and the older generations

Some of our ideas:

- Using both Afrikaans and English in our work so that we can reach more people – therefore not isolating anyone
- Creating material for all generations
 - E.g. Newsmagazines for older generations
 - Posters/pamphlets for the youth
- Investigating what is causing the youth to commit crimes – media/drugs/alcohol – creating awareness of this!
- Ask the youth about how they feel about their peers committing crimes
- Look in to the day of a life of a community watchman
- Look in to the day of a life of a young criminal
- Investigate/create awareness of high crime areas : e.g. the Kloof
- Identify the role models in the areas – e.g. find out if there are any teachers who are helping/hindering the youth
- Use other methods of trying to bring together the two generations – e.g. using applied theatre/ using sport and other recreational activities which both can participate in.