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Drawing Dreams
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# DREAMS YOUTH EXPO

2022

# "SUSTAINABLE DESIGNS FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE."

Drawing dreams initiative in partnership with Pathways policy institute which are youth led non-profit organizations spearheaded the 2nd edition of the Dreams Youth expo which was held on the 1st & 2nd July 2022 in Nanyuki, Laikipia county. This is a platform that bridges the gap between young innovators and creative's with investors, government agencies and market players within the diverse sectors. The expo brought together 76 exhibitors from different sectors.

The expo was officially opened on the 1st of July with a few speeches from the commander British Army Training Unit Kenya (BATUK) who sponsored a number of young innovators to exhibit their businesses, Director light for the world, communications associate pathways policy Institute and Team Leader Drawing dreams initiative.

Exhibitions ranged from agribusiness, arts, tech, fashion, cottage industries and social enterprise from different places and towns. This brought about diversification with the main goal being to inspire, empower & impact social change in the society.

The expo gave the youth a platform where they can exhibit their good & services, opportunity to establish connections with stakeholders from different sectors and from established institutions.

This being the 2nd edition of the dreams expo there was an increased number of exhibitors and we also had people with disability on board giving them an opportunity to also market their business and grow their network.

# "HAPPINESS IS NOTHING MORE THAN GOOD HEALTH"

Healthcare is something everyone needs access to hence pathways policy Institute in collaboration with Laikipia Health services set up a beyond zero truck during the expo. They offered free family planning services, cervical & breast cancer screening and HIV/AIDS screening.

This created a safe space where youth were open to discuss their sexual and reproduction health which impressed the LHS team and requested to always be involved in youth activities. The team offered 13 breast cancer exams, 6 cervical screening, 1 Jadelle removal and 1 Jadelle insertion.

With the sixth wave of covid-19 the team administered 21 covid vaccine shots.

## "SEEING THE WORLD THROUGH THE EYES OF THE YOUTH!"

The dreams youth expo was concluded by youth show casing their talents that's by modeling and skating. The Team Pathways Policy Institute Condom blowing competition served as the Expo's grand finale this was conducted as way of distigmatizing condom use as seen among the youth and encourage communities to embrace all forms of contraceptives.

In conclusion the expo was a great networking platform with the youth confirming to have made sales and connections for the two days with also obtaining information and other services.