

The start of a New Year is the time to reflect on progress in the last year and consider the opportunities and challenges for 2014.

Membership

2013 brought thousands more people together to the NAYD family. Our Facebook membership increased rapidly, presently adding over 2000 members per month. We are currently at 16,000 people and counting. Other social media membership includes LinkedIn:459, Yahoo:496, Google Inspire group:1996. We also started a twitter account @NAYDinfo - please follow us! Our registered members reached 1650 in 48 African countries and beyond. Details and geographic locations of registered members can be seen at <http://www.nayd.org/members.htm>. If you wish to join us please complete the form at <http://www.nayd.org/join.htm>.



Energy Globe Award

NAYD was awarded an energy globe award in June for its efforts in promoting youth and sustainable development in Africa. Energy Globe is recognised as a world leader in sustainability awards and honours sustainable projects in the 5 categories of fire, water, earth, air and youth. Further information about the award can be read at <http://www.energyglobe.info/>

African Youth Development Summit

The purpose of the AYDS was to set benchmarks for a youth-led roadmap to sustainable development in Africa. The continuous relative failures of the UN led climate change and sustainability talks and the deep concern that if the world willing to commit to a global move to hold a summit where ownership of the problems sustainable future for Africa. groups and some global youth NAYD to help realize the need 2015 MDG's since the unique in many respects. We abstracts but unfortunately, volunteer-led fundraising team until a later date. We suspect because they were concerned that supporting an independent African youth-led summit may conflict with many political agendas. We are presently working with the World Youth Peace Movement, in conjunction with the African Union 50th Anniversary to see if we can resurrect the summit in 2014.



Debate: Aid verses Development

NAYD held its first ever debate on Google Hangout entitled 'Aid verses Development' (can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SbXtBRhS3G8>). The idea behind the debate is to bring to the fore a topic which is affecting youth-led sustainable development in Africa. We selected 6 volunteers, 3 on each side of the argument to offer the case for and against Aid. Although technical issues restricted the number who could take part we still managed to get robust comments from both sides. It's definitely an issue that needs to be discussed further because it was felt that a dependency culture on Aid is detrimental to development and, apart from emergency relief, should be treated very cautiously. We are hoping to hold further debates this year and we will be calling out to you to get involved.



BLOGS and INSPIRE

Our expert volunteers continue to write BLOGS for [HIV/AIDS](#) and [Climate Change](#) for which we are very grateful. Please support these BLOGS by clicking on the share buttons and by making comments. We also support many of our members BLOGS by RSS feeding them to our 16,000 facebook members to

The image shows a grid of three blog posts. Each post includes a date in a small box, a title, a short description, and a representative image.

- JAN 2** **NGO for January, 2014**
Mukinge Youth Development Foundation, Zambia is the NGO of the month of January. Mukinge Youth Development Foundation is a youth-led non profit that was established in 2012 to address
- DEC 22** **The World Aids Day and the Youth in Kenya**
Catherine Wanjiru Nyambura is a young feminist leader passionate about Youth Sexual Reproductive Health, Human Rights and
- DEC 6** **Tributes from African Youth for Madiba**
Whilst we mourn the death of a great African leader we also celebrate his life. Below are tributes from African Youth whose lives have been touched by him.

NOV 25 **Aid and Development - David Takawira**
NAYD's first debate took place on Sat 23 November when the case for and against Aid was argued by two young African leaders. David Takawira shares his own personal views on this sensitive topic, arguing that without the involvement of youth and women Aid is ineffective.

ensure they enjoy a wide, global readership. We also make every effort to promote our members activities through INSPIRE, NGO of the month and through providing a free web design service and specific NAYD emails. INSPIRE gives you a platform to Inspire others, and no-one inspired the world more than Nelson Mandela and we share South Africa's deep sorrow for his loss. He touched so many of our

lives, some of our members tributes can be read [here](#). Our first edition of INSPIRE in 2014 will feature a special edition of Madiba.

Finally, NAYD would like to express its heartfelt gratitude for your kind support, professional advice, appreciation, emails and messages in the year 2013. We are very much encouraged by your kind words. 2013 is now gone and we find ourselves in a new year and a new chapter in our lives. We wish that it brings you peace, health, happiness and fulfillment.