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GLOBALLY CONNECTED



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS:
THE K-ZONES OF KAMPALA

MPIGI TRIP:
NATURE WALK-MPANGA FOREST

TRIP TO JINJA, SOURCE OF THE
NILE, GOGOLO SLIDE



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FROM THE EDITOR

This magazine edition celebrates the vibrant collaboration between our local youth and the KVUC students from Denmark. From unforgettable Valentine's Day celebrations to enriching meetings with SDG ambassadors, every moment was a step towards fostering global connections. The students actively engaged with our communities, visiting various K-zones in Kampala and witnessing firsthand the impact of projects aimed at enhancing climate resilience, food security, and gender equality.

Our journey didn't stop in Kampala; we ventured to Mpigi for a nature walk in the Mpanga Forest, where the KVUC students explored local herbs and gained valuable insights into sustainable living. The adventure continued with a trip to Jinja, where we enjoyed a boat ride at the Source of the Nile and the thrilling Gogolo slides. These experiences not only broadened horizons but also deepened cultural understanding and connections.

As we look back on these events, the CSO market on the final day was the perfect way to close this chapter. It was a day of celebration, showcasing the achievements of the past weeks and the incredible collaboration between our communities and the KVUC students.

These experiences have shown us the true power of youth engagement, international cooperation, and a shared vision for a better world. We are indeed Youth Urban and Engaged.

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At the Network for Active Citizens, we believe in the power of youth collaboration to transform communities. Through partnerships with KVUC Students, young people in Kamwanyi, Kitintale, and Kinawataka have developed impactful projects tackling gender equality, climate resilience, and urban safety. These initiatives showcase our commitment to being "Locally Engaged, Globally Connected".

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Ugandan and Danish youth (KVUC Students) collaborated to tackle SDGs 13, 11, and 5, transforming slum communities in Kampala's K' Communities. Initiatives included "Power Your Future" in Kamwanyi for gender equality, urban farming in Kinawataka for climate resilience, and "Sustainable Safe Communities" in Kitintale for flood prevention—showcasing impactful global youth cooperation.



Valentines Celebrations

Valentine's Day was a beautiful celebration of love and unity. KVUC students and their Ugandan hosts bonded over great conversations, delicious food, and cultural exchange. The event created unforgettable memories filled with joy and connection.

Comedian Pablo had everyone in stitches with his hilarious jokes. His story about a man reconsidering suicide over his shoes left the crowd roaring. A saxophonist added magic with soulful love melodies.

Beyond the fun, the event strengthened friendships and cultural ties. It was an evening of laughter, music, and meaningful connections. The memories of love and togetherness will last forever.



Meeting

SDG Ambassadors & Community Journalists



During the meeting with the SDG ambassadors, expectations and concerns were shared about engaging with Ugandan communities amid the February Ebola outbreak. We emphasized safety by advising everyone to carry sanitizers and limited group sizes to 10 people per community. This approach ensured that the work could continue without compromising health.

The SDG ambassadors were eager to understand the critical challenges faced by Uganda's ghetto communities, including poverty, poor infrastructure, and limited access to essential services. They aimed to gather firsthand insights to ensure their projects addressed real community needs. Through engaging conversations, they emphasized the importance of local involvement in creating sustainable, impactful solutions aligned with the SDGs. This collaboration strengthened their commitment to driving meaningful change and lasting community transformation.



Kamwanyi, Gender & Equality

Power Your Future

Discussions On Gender Equality

Discussions on gender equality in Kamwanyi explored differences between Uganda and Denmark. In Denmark, women enjoy equal pay and political representation, while in Uganda, gaps persist in leadership and wages. Gender inequality in Denmark includes few women in top corporate roles, while Uganda struggles with child marriages and limited access to education. The dialogue encouraged solutions for empowerment.



BY MUTESI HOPE
PHOTOGRAPHY BY BRIAN NICK OTOKE

The unforgettable trek through Kamwanyi.

The Kamwanyi walk was a real eye-opener for KVUC students and SDG ambassadors. They saw firsthand the struggles—floods, bad drainage, and crazy overcrowding—making life a daily survival game. Health risks are through the roof, and change is overdue!





KAMWANYI



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Kinawataka, Urban farming Initiatives

Urban farming:
sustainable, resilient,
eco-friendly solution.

BY CHOMBE BRIGHT

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ADONGO LINDAH



In Kinawataka, KVUC students dived into urban farming, learning hands-on how green spaces combat climate change, boost food security, and empower communities. Sustainability never looked this cool!



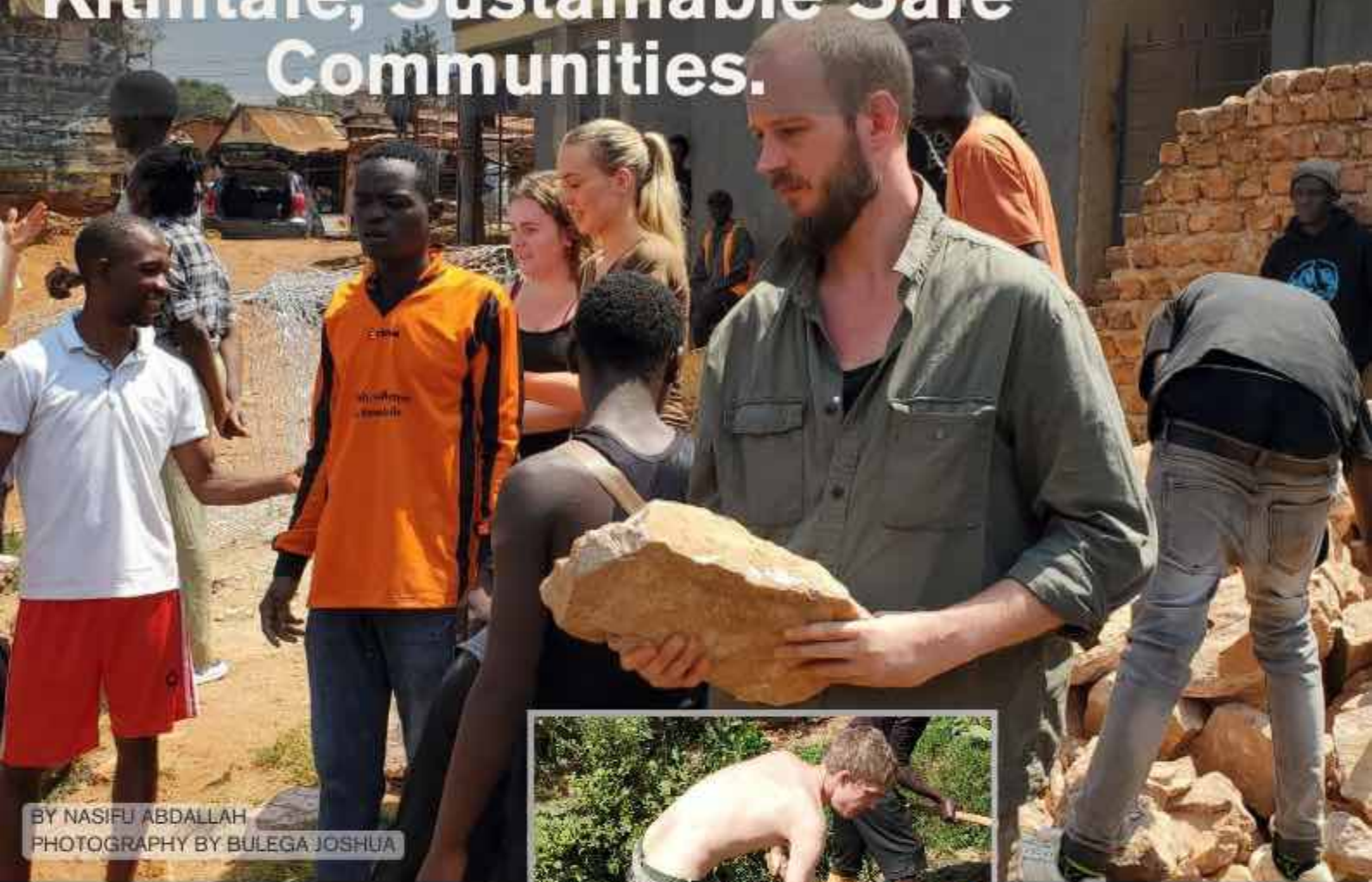
IT'S ALL ABOUT **urban farming**



In Kinawataka, KVUC students got hands-on with urban farming, led by Christian Youth Missionary Group Kinawataka. They started by sieving soil for fine particles, then mixed it with manure for better nutrients. Using recycled plastic planters, they carefully planted seeds and set them in the garden. They also learned proper watering techniques to keep plants thriving. More than just farming, this was a lesson in sustainability, climate resilience, and food security. Seeing waste materials turned into productive gardens was inspiring. For KVUC students, this wasn't just a farming session—it was a step toward greener, self-sustaining communities in urban spaces.



Kitintale, Sustainable Safe Communities.

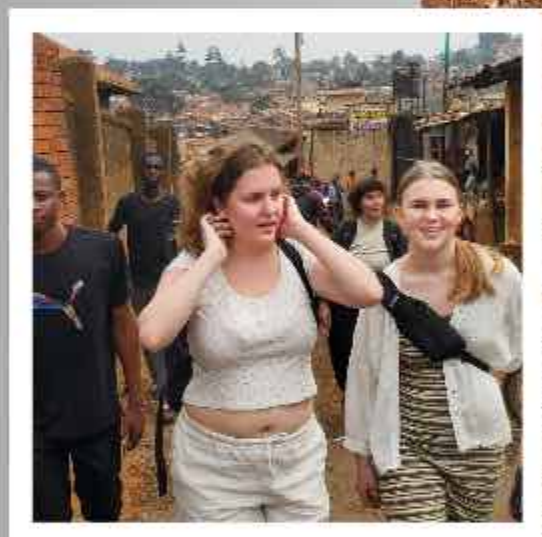


BY NASIFU ABDALLAH
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In Kitintale, KVUC students went full-on hands-on, fixing clogged drainage systems like pros. Some dug out the trenches, others crafted a gabion cage, while the rest hauled stones to fill it up. The mission? Stop erosion, flooding and keep the drainage solid. It was all about teamwork, sweat, and impact—real action for a cleaner, safer, and more resilient community!



Kitintale pictorials



KVUC students vibed with Kitintale's youth, getting hands-on with drainage fixes while leveling up on sustainable communities. Learning, networking, and impact—real teamwork for a cleaner, greener future.



Determined Kitintale youth raise their hoes high as they excavate and repair the Go Down drainage system, tackling flooding and improving community safety.

BY HOPE MUTESI
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Mpigi: Nature Walk & SDG Village



The nature walk in Mpigi was an unforgettable experience. KVUC students explored Mpanga Forest, discovering diverse tree species while immersing themselves in nature's beauty. The adventure, the thrill of exploration, and the crisp, refreshing air made the journey both educational and exhilarating.



KVUC students unwind in the SDG Village green space, enjoying a well-deserved rest after an enriching and tiring nature walk experience.



KVUC students step out of their comfort zones, joyfully harvesting cassava in the SDG Village gardens, embracing hands-on learning and cultural exchange.



KVUC students explore Mpigi's traditional drum-making process, witnessing skilled craftsmanship and enjoying the rhythms as they learn to play the drums.





JINJA TRIP: GOGOLO SLIDES, NILE BOAT CRUISE



KVUC students and their Ugandan hosts embrace the adrenaline rush of the steep Gogolo slides in Jinja, laughing and bonding through the thrilling experience.





Pure vibes and waves! KVUC students and Ugandan hosts turned up at the Nile—history, beats, and epic moves! Uncle Peter & Leeze hyped the crowd, DJ nailed every vibe!



The CSO Market



CSO Market vibes! A lit mix of fun, food, live band beats, youth-made crafts, and top-tier networking—KVUC students and CSOs closing strong.





GRAND FINALE

EPIC UNITY VIBES, SWAYING, SINGING, LOVE, STRENGTH, ANTI-RACISM ENERGY

The grand finale was straight-up magical. Everyone lined up, swaying to the song "Heal the World" with pure unity, strength, and anti-racism vibes. It was a powerful moment that proved we're one global family, standing together for love and change!

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Conclusion.

As we close this edition, we celebrate the impact, unity, and energy that defined every experience. From hands-on urban farming to cultural exchanges and community-driven projects, the journey has been inspiring. The collaborations formed and lessons learned will drive lasting change. This magazine is a reflection of our shared commitment to sustainability, empowerment, and inclusivity. Let's keep the momentum going and continue shaping a better future together

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