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Empowering Youth

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Growing Impact Through Consistent Action

Looking back at our journey at Jolt Youth Initiative, I am reminded that meaningful change is built one step at a time. The work we do every day mentoring young people, supporting learners, creating skills, opportunities and building partnerships begin as small actions, but they create lasting impact.

This month, we celebrate the launch of the Jolt 3D Woodwork Centre, an important milestone in our commitment to equipping young people with practical skills that can open pathways to employment, entrepreneurship and self-reliance. We begin with a small cohort, but we believe that investing deeply in a few young people today creates opportunities for many more tomorrow.

Over the past period, we have reached more than 900 young people through our mentorship programmes, continued supporting vulnerable learners through our Half Bursary Scholarship, contributed to climate change conversations, and continued strengthening our programmes and partnerships.

I am especially proud of our young team of professionals and volunteers whose dedication continues to drive Jolt Youth Initiative forward.

To support our project please visit our website and donate.



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JOLT YOUTH INITIATIVE



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OUR MISSION

Millions of youth gaining the opportunity to discover, develop and deploy their full potential for individual and societal transformation.

OUR VISION

To cultivate communities where young people's hidden potentials are unlocked through self efficacy, enabling them to be active contributors to individual and societal development.

OUR GOAL

By 2028, empower at least 80% of youth aged 15-24 years in Mpigi and Butambala district with knowledge, skills and positive attitudes for success and development.

From the PM's Desk: Building Foundations for Sustainable Youth Empowerment



Our mission still stands to cultivate communities where the hidden potential of young people is unlocked through self-efficacy, empowering them to become active contributors to their own development and that of their communities.

This quarter has been marked by significant progress, driven by teamwork and our shared commitment to empowering young

initiative that promotes a culture of saving, financial discipline and responsible investment among our team.

Looking upfront, our priorities remain clear: expanding the Jolt 3D Woodwork Centre, strengthening the Jolt Tech Hub, setting up our multipurpose studio and advancing our Peace building and Conflict Resolution initiatives through strategic partnerships.

people. We proudly launched the Jolt 3D Woodwork Centre in Mpigi with our inaugural cohort of ten trainees, marking an important milestone in vocational skills development.

I am also delighted to welcome Julian Kauthar Ageno to the Jolt family. Her wealth of experience and passion for youth development has already enriched our work, and we look forward to the valuable contribution she will continue to make.

Within the organization, we have strengthened our commitment to sustainability through the registration of the Jolt Investment Club, an

My sincere thanks go to our staff, volunteers, partners and supporters for their solid commitment to the Jolt vision.

DR. MATOVU MOUSA
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Youth Skills and Enterprise Development



training. The event attracted strong participation from local leaders and stakeholders, reflecting broad community support for youth development.

In attendance were the Town Council Mayor, Speaker of the Town Council, two Youth Councillors, the Subcounty Internal Security Officer, village Local Council leaders, trainers, trainees, and community members, about 50 participants in total.

During the launch, the District Community Development Officer reaffirmed government support for youth skills development initiatives, praising JOLT's practical approach to addressing unemployment. The Speaker of the Town Council further pledged to advocate for the allocation of a dedicated budget line to support vocational training programmes in future subcounty plans.

The Centre has enrolled its first cohort of 10 trainees, who will undergo hands-on training for 3 months, focused on technical skills, discipline, and entrepreneurship, preparing them to become job creators within their communities.

The JOLT 3D Woodwork Centre stands as a symbol of opportunity for youth empowerment in Mpigi District.

The Jolt Youth Initiative marked a major milestone with the official launch of its 3D Woodwork Centre in Mpigi District.

The launch was appreciated by the District Community Development Officer, who commended JOLT Youth Initiative for its commitment to empowering young people through hands-on vocational

The Centre is designed to equip young people with practical skills in woodwork fabrication, decoration, and events Management, enabling them to access employment, create self-employment opportunities, and improve their incomes. It responds to the growing demand for skilled artisans in furniture making, construction finishing, and interior design.



KEEPING DREAMS ALIVE: News from the Educate Department

Since its inception, the Educate One Programme has supported three students to complete Senior Six. All three have secured admission to university and are preparing to begin their studies. We are currently supporting three Senior Five students, two of whom aspire to study Medicine and one who hopes to pursue Accounting.

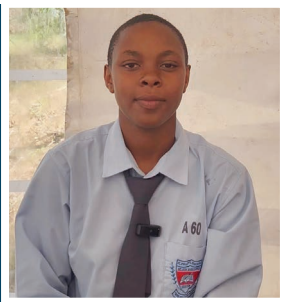
Our aim is to ensure that no

talented young person drops out of school because of financial hardship. Although the need is far greater than our current resources can meet, we believe that transforming one life is far better than transforming none.

However, the need remains urgent. Next term, we hope to enrol two more students under our half-bursary scheme. One is a bright young girl who has

been forced to stay at home after her family's roadside business was lost following a sudden eviction. The other left school during Senior Five because of financial difficulties, and we are working to help her return and complete Senior Six. This will bring the total number of five students supported through the Educate One half-bursary programme this year.

The three beneficiaries of the Educate one sponsorship program



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Peace Building Story:

A New Partnership for Youth-Led Peace and Conflict Resolution in Uganda

Jolt Youth Initiative is pleased to announce a promising partnership with the **Institute of World Peace (IWA), USA**, aimed at strengthening youth-led peacebuilding and conflict resolution across schools and communities in Uganda. The programme is expected to commence in November.

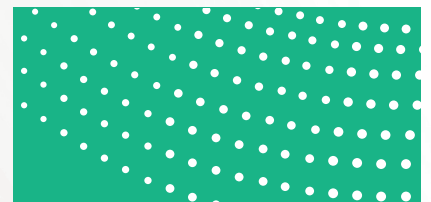
This collaboration responds to the

growing challenges faced by young people, including unemployment, school-related bullying, social pressure, and emotional stress. These pressures often begin in school environments and, if not addressed early, can lead to frustration, conflict, and harmful coping behaviours.

Through this partnership, Jolt Youth Initiative and IWA will roll out a **Training of Trainers (ToT) programme in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution (PCR)**. The initiative will equip selected youth facilitators with practical skills to manage

conflict, promote dialogue, and foster peaceful coexistence within their schools and communities.

Together, Jolt Youth Initiative and the Institute of World Peace share a common vision: to raise a generation of young people who are not only aware of peace, but actively practice, promote, and sustain it in their daily lives.



Giving Kevina Her Smile Back

For Alirwa Kevina, a student at Quality High School in Mpigi,



smiling once became a painful memory. After tragically losing all her teeth, she withdrew from the simple joys of school life. Speaking in class, laughing with friends, or reading aloud became moments of fear and embarrassment, slowly isolating

her from those around her.

Through the Jolt Youth Initiative's Charity Department, Kevina was supported with **comprehensive dental restoration** that gave her more than treatment, it gave her back her confidence, her voice, and her place among her peers.

Kevina recalls her experience with honesty and pain: *"Students laughed at me whenever I talked. I felt isolated and my self-esteem was very low. I was often sent home from school because of unpaid fees. Everything felt like it was on me."*

On 10 June 2026, during a follow-up visit at Quality High School, that story had changed. Kevina was no longer the withdrawn girl she once was.

She was smiling again, engaging freely with classmates, and participating in school life with renewed confidence. Teachers confirmed a visible improvement in both her academic performance and social interaction.

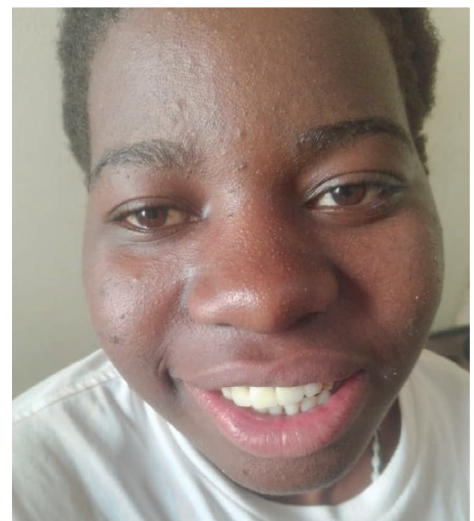
Now full of hope, Kevina says she is determined to study hard and become the best accountant she can be.

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**AGENO JULIAN
HEAD CHARITY DEPARTMENT**



Alirwa Kevina
BEFORE
working on her teeth



Alirwa Kevina
AFTER
working on her teeth

Alongside the Educate One Programme, we run a systemic mentorship structure for young people. Our flagship Ignite the Mind Mentorship Programme is a structured developmental process designed to shift thinking and behaviour over time. The programme encourages young people to dream beyond their circumstances, set realistic goals, manage their time effectively, cultivate self-discipline, and make informed decisions about their education and future careers.

This year, we have so far reached 960 students across nine secondary schools, delivering structured sessions to Senior Three and Senior Five learners.

The impact is already evident. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from both students and teachers, reporting improved confidence, renewed motivation, and a clearer sense of purpose following the sessions.

Next quarter, we are launching the student mental health mentorship in response to the growing emotional and psychological pressures faced by young people. Adolescence, academic demands, and economic hardship are taking a real toll, and we believe education must support both the mind and the intellect

As we move forward, we remain committed to mobilizing resources, strengthening partnerships, and expanding sponsorships to sustain and grow these core mentorship programmes at the heart of our mission



St Mark SS Kamengo



Lumuza High School



St Joseph SS Nakirebe

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Building Skills;

The establishment of the JOLT 3D Woodwork Centre

This quarter has marked important progress for JOLT Youth Initiative as we continue to create practical pathways for youth empowerment and sustainable livelihoods.

A key milestone is now fully functional for training in woodwork fabrication, decoration and events management. Construction began in April 2026 and the centre has since been completed.

Woodwork offers real opportunities, and we believe young people will benefit from the skills gained through this training, including employment, self-employment and enterprise, in response to the growing demand for skilled craftsmanship within our communities.

Training for the first cohort of ten young people began on 25th June 2026, and the centre was officially launched on 30th June 2026 with the support of local leaders and partners.

Call to Action

We invite partners, supporters, and individuals who share our vision to join us in expanding this work.



Basic Woodworking Training

Establishing a Youth Technology Hub

This quarter, Jolt Youth Initiative took the first step towards establishing a dedicated Technology Hub with the acquisition of premises adjacent to our offices. Work is now underway to equip the facility, with an initial target of 12 computer workstations.

Once operational, the hub will provide young people with practical digital skills training, mentorship and access to technology, creating opportunities for innovation, learning and future employment.



HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Our health department addresses both preventive and promotive health, while recognizing the growing importance of non-communicable diseases among young people. As part of strengthening our internal capacity, the team was engaged in a specialized mental health orientation led by **Mr. Samuel Kimbowa, an expert in child and adolescent mental health** at Butabka National Referral Hospital. The session equipped staff with foundational knowledge and practical understanding of mental health, enabling the team to approach upcoming youth mentorship initiatives from an informed and evidence-based perspective.

Using our mentorships as a mode of delivery, in the third quarter, we are planning to support the young people in school with knowledge and awareness to better understand and address mental health challenges.

Beyond direct engagements, the Health Department has continued to drive digital health awareness through ongoing social media campaigns focusing on key public health priorities, including Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH), mental health awareness, and the growing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs).

The Health Department remains focused on expanding youth-centered health programs, strengthening partnerships, and creating platforms where young people can access knowledge and support to make healthier life choices.



Now and always for climate

As part of the 2026 Environmental Day celebrations, Jolt Youth Initiative's Climate Department participated in the global **#NowForClimate 5-Hour Challenge**. Over five hours, the team designed and published five climate infographic flyers—one every hour—to raise awareness and inspire action on climate

change and environmental sustainability.

We are proud that our event plan was accepted by the UNEP platform as part of the global Environmental Day 2026 activities. Through this initiative, Jolt Youth Initiative reaffirmed its commitment to youth-led climate action and community engagement.

Moving forward, we will continue empowering young people through climate education, environmental campaigns and community-led action.

We invite young people and communities to join us in protecting our environment





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