



THE WEEKEND READER

"Your Weekly Read on Debt, Development & Socio-Economic Justice"

INTEGRITY, A CRITICAL VALUE FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The internalization of ethical principles and values during the formative years of youth is crucial as it equips young people with an internal navigation system that will guide their decision-making and life trajectories. When integrity becomes the compass, individuals are more likely to make choices that align with their moral foundations, even when faced with temptation or social pressure.

The cultivation of moral intelligence in youth creates a deep sense of personal responsibility, the courage to stand up for one's beliefs, and a commitment to serving the greater good. This empowers young people to navigate the complexities of the modern world with a clear ethical compass, making decisions that are rooted in principles rather than short-term gratification or self-interest.

Conversely, the absence of solid moral foundations leaves young people vulnerable and exposed to external influences that may undermine their integrity. Without a clear ethical framework, youth have become more susceptible to making choices driven by peer pressure, societal norms or misguided ambitions affecting decisions that can have lasting consequences on their personal and professional lives. Granted, there aren't a lot of positive influences and role models of success in Zimbabwe, mainly due to the economic decay. Those who follow the 'positive' path of education struggle to secure employment or meaningful livelihoods. Does integrity matter less then? The answer is a hard NO! Integrity matters more now!

When youth internalize honesty, empathy, and moral courage, they develop the strength of character to make informed choices, even in the face of adversity. This allows the younger generation to stay true to their values and maintain their integrity, even when it would be easier to compromise. Such individuals are more likely to pursue life paths that are aligned with their ethical convictions, whether it is through their career aspirations, civic engagement, or personal relationships.

Moreover, young people with a strong moral foundation are better equipped to positively influence their communities and the world around them. Integrity driven decision-making and actions can inspire other youths, fostering a ripple effect of integrity that strengthens our social fabric. This in turn contributes to the overall well-being and sustainable progress of societies.

Ultimately, the investment in building integrity among the youth is not merely an individual pursuit, but a collective responsibility that holds a key in shaping the future of communities. The empowerment of the current and next generation with ethics and a mind-set shift to navigate life's challenges has become critical in ushering in a new era of empowered communities, engaged citizens, and principled role models who will become the driving force behind social development and the advancement of humanity.

Opportunities

1) Project officer -Sexual and Health Reproductive Rights

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tPjy6HErYKPdiYmsUJLMbr3ueGGZVEBW/view>

2) Job Title: Senior Projects Coordinator

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ExeHRFFEIXdyaVZ2eggJbuoeVIQ6S3fV/view>

3) Position Title: Assistant Project Officer - Youth Employability Booster (YEB) Project

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4) Research and Data Officer

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JwDp1Hd9GQuURw_HY1ojYC8w-4xXeYs4/view

5) World Bank Group Africa Fellowship Program

<https://www.worldbank.org/en/region/afr/brief/world-bank-group-africa-fellowship-program>



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Are you a member of the youth (18-35 years) with a passion for fighting social and economic injustice? Do you want to join the action for Integrity? Do You want to become an Integrity Icon? If your answer to any of these questions is yes, take the pledge today: <https://rb.gy/9ogzgx>

Watch Episode 4 of our #Youth4Integrity Podcast: https://youtu.be/LqiyXGftufg?si=PvqghnNppxgoOce_

Quote of the week: Zig Ziglar

“With integrity, you have nothing to fear, since you have nothing to hide. With integrity, you will do the right thing, so you will have no guilt.”

Picture of the week: Agri products showcased at the 2nd annual Ideas Festival 2024.

