



Tools for a Loving World

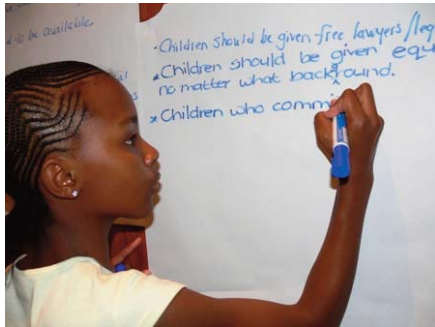
Creating a World Without Violence for Children

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Why Are We Here?

On the Global Day of Action to End Violence Against Children – 19th October - we have given children from the region the opportunity to inspire and to challenge us. To inspire us with their vision of a loving world for children and to challenge us to do more to bring that loving world into being - not in the future, but right here, right now.



Where Have We Come From?

The exhibition you are viewing was created by children from Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa, Swaziland and Zambia. In each of these countries, workshops were held with approximately 15 children from the ages of 8 – 18 years old.

(In Zambia, two such workshops were held – one in Lusaka and one in Livingston.)

The aim of these workshops was to engage children in a creative and celebratory experience that enabled them to express their vision of a loving world for children and to identify the tools that adults need to use in order to provide that world for them. Murals of their visions and, most importantly, their recommendations for action are on display for you here today. Children from each of those country workshops are also on hand to tell you more about their experience and their thinking.

Where We Are Now?

After the country workshops, the children selected two delegates to represent them here in Lusaka. (Five delegates were selected from each workshop in Zambia.) These children have worked

together for the past two days to consolidate and deepen their recommendations and to develop creative ways to present them to you.



This day is of their making and their vision, their views and their wisdom form the heart of it. We encourage you not only to listen to what they have to say, but to learn from their forms of expression as well. It may only be that we can move further and faster when we embrace – and manifest

- the creativity, the playfulness and the flexibility of children.

Where To From Here?

We are here today to be re-inspired in our shared work to end violence against children and to use that inspiration to find new ways to take action – individually and together – to make that commitment real. How we do that is up to us...

“We as children should be taught good morals. Our parents should show us the right way rather than just hitting us. If adults are listening to me now- children are the future generation. We have the right to be protected and not abused and violated. Please help us, we need your support. We need you to care for us.” Tumisang, 12 year old girl from Botswana.

