

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Youth Empowerment Club is grounded in **child rights principles**. The Convention on the Rights of the Child recognizes every child's right to **express their views and to participate** in decisions that affect their lives.

The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child further affirms children's rights while emphasizing their **responsibilities**.

In the Youth Empowerment Club, we commit to balancing:

- **RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
- **PARTICIPATION AND RESPECT**
- **FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION AND CARE FOR OTHERS**

Members are expected to respect themselves, others, and their community.

OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLE

The Youth Empowerment Club exists to empower young people to participate meaningfully, express their views freely, and take responsibility for their actions, within a safe framework supported by trusted adults.

WHO WE ARE

The Youth Empowerment Club (YEC) is a **safe and inclusive space** within our school where **young people** come together to **learn, share ideas, and take positive action** for themselves, their school, and their community.

We believe that all young people have the right to be heard, respected, protected, and empowered within a supportive environment.

WE COMMIT TO THE FOLLOWING VALUES:

PARTICIPATION

Everyone has the right to speak, listen, and contribute.

RESPECT

We treat all people with dignity and without discrimination.

INCLUSION

Girls, boys, and all young people are welcomed and valued.

RESPONSIBILITY

We take responsibility for our actions and choices.

PROTECTION AND SAFETY

We look out for one another and follow safeguarding rules.

BEING PART OF A NETWORK

The Youth Empowerment Club is part of a **wider network of Youth Empowerment Clubs**.

Through this network, young people can:

- **SHARE EXPERIENCES AND IDEAS**
- **LEARN FROM PEERS IN OTHER SCHOOLS**
- **FEEL PART OF A BROADER MOVEMENT OF EMPOWERED YOUNG PEOPLE**

Members are encouraged to think creatively about connecting with other clubs through shared themes, joint activities, and safe, meaningful exchanges.

OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMISE

- **WE LISTEN TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT MOCKING, BLAMING, OR SHAMING.**
- **WE RESPECT CONFIDENTIALITY AND PERSONAL STORIES SHARED IN THE CLUB.**
- **WE RESPECT EACH OTHER AND OUR RIGHTS, AND WE ALL HELP KEEP EVERYONE SAFE.**
- **IF SOMEONE IS AT RISK, WE INFORM A TRUSTED ADULT AND FOLLOW SCHOOL SAFEGUARDING PROCEDURES.**

HOW WE WORK TOGETHER

The club meets at least once a week. Participation is voluntary and based on mutual respect.

Activities are planned with young people, with guidance from adults. Leadership roles are shared fairly and reviewed regularly to encourage participation.

OUR COMMITMENT

By being members of the Youth Empowerment Club, we commit to upholding this Charter and living out its values. We agree to contribute positively to our school and community.

This Charter is displayed as a reminder of our shared values, rights, and responsibilities.

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT CLUBS

