

**Name: Dr. Duncan Antony Ndeda**

**Title: Orthopaedic Surgeon**

**CATEGORY: SPORTS AND WELLNESS AWARD**

**Bio**

Dr. Ndeda is an Orthopaedic Surgeon and a Sports and Exercise Medicine Specialist. He is also an avid basketball fan and has played the sport in high school, college and club categories. Dr. Ndeda is also the current National Basketball Team Doctor and also doubles up as a team doctor for various other elite national teams.

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**Personal quote**

“Celebrating young people represents who we are as a people, acknowledging that they will make us better now and in the future and in all aspects of life”

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**Name: Mr. Otieno Emmanuel Agwenyi**

**Title: Youth leader and Digital Advocate**

**CATEGORY: DIGITAL IMPACT AWARD**

**Bio**

Emmanuel Agwenyi is a youth leader and digital advocate who is passionate about using technology to inspire, educate, and empower. He serves as a peer educator with Plan International's Young Health Programme and co-leads transformative conversations with young people at the PaaMoja Initiative. Emmanuel has also played an active role in training the Canada Mathare Education Trust's scholars that are transitioning to post-secondary education, on how to use digital spaces for positive impact and personal transformation. His approach to mentorship is grounded on relatability through which he connects with teen experiences, offering both insight and a living example of leadership in motion. Growing up in Mathare, Nairobi County, Emmanuel is eager to see young people thrive online and offline, as he understands the value of voice, visibility and guidance.

**You can read more from him on**

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**Personal Quote**

“When we celebrate teen voices, we fuel a future built on bold ideas and fearless action”

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**JUDGE: Sandra Nekh**

**Title: Writer and Filmmaker**

**CATEGORY: CREATIVE ARTS AWARD (LITERARY & MEDIA ARTS CATEGORIES)**

**Bio**

Sandra Nekh, also known as Faithsandra Nekhonga Masibo, is a writer and filmmaker who consults in research, publishing, documentary filmmaking, and photography. She has published five novels as Sandra Nekh, and her 'Eastern Butterfly' and 'No Saints' publications, have been included in the Library of Congress, while 'Ophelia' has been among the Nuria Book Store's top 100 books since 2024. Sandra is devoted to multimedia storytelling and has taught at Kenyatta University and Aga Khan Academy in Nairobi. She also led the 20-Film-Portfolio mentorship program, under Nekhta Productions, where two of her mentees' films gained international recognition: "Kikulacho" was awarded Best Art House Film at the Nickel Independent Film Festival and featured on CBC Canada's On the Go, while 'Paint the Spectrum' was selected for the Lift-Off First-Time Filmmaker Selection.

**You can read more about her @**

[www.sandranekh.com](http://www.sandranekh.com)

**Personal Quote**

“To empower youth, we have to think beyond our own generation.”

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**JUDGE: OKANDA .S EUGINE**

**Title: Executive Leadership Coach, Global Speaker, and Human Capital Strategist**

**CATEGORY: TEEN OF THE YEAR**

**Bio**

Stephen Eugene Okanda is a visionary leader and Kenya's United Nations Youth Representative, championing Meaningful Youth Engagement, Peace & Security, and Youth Employment across global platforms. He is the Co- Founder and Executive Director of Inuka Leadership Africa, a youth-led movement that has mentored and trained over 25,000 young people across 17 countries and all 47 counties in Kenya. An award-winning author of four books and a sought-after speaker, Okanda has delivered powerful keynotes at the UN General Assembly in New York, UN House in Dar es Salaam, and national forums like the International Day of Democracy at KICC. With a Biochemistry degree from Kenyatta University and pursuing a Master's in Theology at Africa International University, he fuses academic rigor with spiritual depth. He's been trained by top institutions including Strathmore Business School and the Kenya School of Government

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**Personal Quote**

“Celebrating teen changemakers is not just applause for what they have done, but an investment in who they are becoming. When we honor their courage and creativity today, we ignite a generation ready to lead with purpose tomorrow”

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**JUDGE: Emily Anyango**

**Title: Youth leader, Beautypreneur and Governance Enthusiast**

**CATEGORY: LEADERSHIP EXCELLENCE AWARD**

**Bio**

Emily Anyango Otieno is a beautypreneur, good governance enthusiast and youth leader with extensive experience in leadership, advocacy, and program coordination. Since 2022, she has served as the Kenya Country Director for the Young African Leaders Forum (YALF), overseeing leadership programs, policy advocacy, and youth inclusion initiatives aligned with Africa's Agenda 2063. She has represented Kenya in regional dialogues, facilitated partnerships, and been a guest speaker on youth empowerment platforms. Emily's governance experience includes serving as a GIPRO Intern with the State Department of Interior and Citizen Services, where she contributed to civil registration, public participation, and child rights advocacy. Alongside her leadership work, she runs a successful hair service business, offering professional service while mentoring young women in entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Emily's work reflects her

commitment to empowering youth, promoting social justice, and driving sustainable impact in both community development and economic empowerment across Kenya and Africa.

**You can read more about her @**

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**Personal Quote**

“When we appreciate teen change-makers, we remind the world that age is no barrier to impact. Recognizing them is uplifting the next generation of leaders and dreamers.”

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## **CATEGORY: CREATIVE ARTS (VISUAL ARTS CATEGORY)**

**Title: Designer and Art Instructor**

**JUDGE: Edwin Ochieng**

### **Bio**

Edwin is a self-taught Fine Artist cum Designer. His love for Arts started while in Primary School and drawing was his preferred choice of expression. He is trained as a Graphic designer and has extensive professional experience in graphic design and branding and Interior and landscaping design. He has also doubled as a team building facilitator and has worked as a vocational trainer and art instructor for a number of institutions and NGOs including: Astute Consulting, The Youth Banner, Heshima Arts and Activity Centre, Malava Christian Academy. He currently co-owns Taji Concepts Limited (TCL) where he offers his services alongside private art and craft lessons for children and youth.

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**Personal Quote**

“Young people bear the true reflection of our ideal society. Their innocent, incorruptible minds are like fertile fields in which we can cultivate better communities.”

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**Name: Ms. LORETTA AKATCH**

**Title: Educator, Tutor and Mentor**

**CATEGORY: ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE CATEGORY**

**Bio**

Loretta Akatch is an educator, tutor, and mentor who inspires young people to believe in themselves and their abilities. With previous teaching experience in Mathematics and learning support at St. Christopher's International School and Brookhouse International School, she combines academic expertise with a nurturing approach that fosters confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love for learning.

Loretta enjoys reading, crafting, baking, gardening and listening to music. She brings her warmth, insight, and commitment to uplifting youth to her role as a Teendom Awards judge.

You can find her @

<https://www.facebook.com/share/177scE7Umg/>

**Personal Quote**

“Teen changemakers spark change today, proving that bold hearts and bright ideas shape the world. Honouring their vision inspires us all.”

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**JUDGE: DENNIS MUTUMA AKA DORPHAN**

**Title: Performing poet, Songwriter, Humanist**

## **CATEGORY: CREATIVE ARTS AWARDS (PERFORMING ARTS CATEGORY)**

### **BIO**

Dorphanage is a Kenyan performing artist, spoken word poet, poetry educator and podcast host whose creative expression blends poetic mastery and activism. Dorphanage's work centers marginalized voices and reclaims silenced narratives with rhythm, urgency, and sheer passion. He is the 34th Slam Africa Champion, a published writer, mentor, and a respected voice in Kenya's spoken word and social justice spaces. Dorphanage occasionally hosts Liberating Minds Podcast, where he engages thinkers, artists, and activists in conversations about art and resistance. He is also a member of the Rafinki Collective, which is an organisation of artists, for artists committed to establishing platforms for emerging and seasoned poets, writers and literature enthusiasts to connect, share and amplify their work. His acclaimed debut collaborative album "From the Margins (2021)" documents stories from Kenya's informal settlements, refugee camps, and youth movements. Through every poem, performance, and podcast, Dorphanage stands as a force for collective healing, political consciousness, and cultural renewal.

**You can read more about him @**

**Fb, X, IG @dorphan\_age**

**Personal quote "....."**

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**Name: Anne Njoroge**

**Title: Business Strategist and User Experience Designer**

**Category: INNOVATION AWARD**

### **Bio**

Anne Njoroge is a student at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, pursuing a certificate in Business Management in STEM. She currently serves as a Business Development Lead at Bitlipa, a leading Fintech in Kenya, where she focuses on enhancing the user experience and business strategy.

Anne previously worked with Africa's Talking from 2019 to 2024, taking on progressive roles in business operations, business development, user experience design, and podcast management. Among her notable achievements, she led the expansion of the company's airtime product from 4 to 16 countries, resulting in revenue growth of over \$800,000, and contributed to the design of marketing content across 23 markets. She later produced and managed an African-centered podcast at Elarian, further showcasing her ability to blend technology, design, and storytelling.

Her career began in education, serving as a teacher at Aga Khan High School and Maryhill Girls High School, where she spearheaded mentorship programs, environmental initiatives, and leadership development for over 800 students.

Anne is a graduate of Egerton University with a Bachelor of Education in Sciences. She is passionate about education, mentorship, and innovation, and remains committed to advancing product innovation and inspiring the next generation of African innovators

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Personal Quote;

“If we nurture the dreams of the young in our generation, our nation will be blessed. If we destroy them, our nation and world at large is doomed.”

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**NAME: Peggy Olwalo**

**Title : Program Associate at CAVU**

**Category: Environmental Champion Award**

**Bio**

Peggy Olwalo is a Program Associate with strong experience in climate advocacy, stakeholder engagement and project coordination. She works with Climate Advocates Voices United (CAVU), where she supports initiatives that empower communities to take meaningful action against climate change. Peggy is a skilled conference organizer, who has experience in shaping dialogues and outreach initiatives, that bring together diverse voices for sustainable solutions. Her passion for climate justice and community development drives her commitment to creating long-lasting impact through advocacy, awareness, and capacity building.

**You can find more about her work @**

[cavuafrica.org](http://cavuafrica.org)

**Personal Quote:**

“Young people carry within them the spark of transformation. Recognizing their leadership today inspires a legacy of courage, purpose, and impact.”

“Teendom Awards remind us that leadership begins with vision, not age. Every empowered teen is proof that the future is already here”

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**NAME: Alisa Lilian Ondigi**

**Title : Trainer and Consultancy Assistant**

**Category: Teenpreneur Award**

**Bio**

Alisa has a background in education and proven expertise in leadership and public speaking. She is currently transitioning into the entrepreneurial and business field where she is focusing on financial literacy and helping individuals deliver impact with their ideas. She enjoys translating complex ideas into actionable insights, mentoring emerging talent, and fostering inclusive growth.

**Personal Quote:**

“Invest in young people, harvest their innovation. A spark of guidance can light a lifetime of entrepreneurship”

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**NAME: Arnold Osano**

**Title: Co-Founder of WeCare Youth Organization**

**Category: Advocate for Change Award**

**Bio**

Arnold Schwarzeneger Osano, is the Program Coordinator and Co-Founder of WeCare Youth Organization, a grassroots initiative advancing the participation of youth, women, and persons with disabilities’ in governance and development processes in Kenya. Arnold has a background in Development Studies with Information Technology, and is a passionate advocate for social justice, human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. Through his leadership, WeCare has mobilized hundreds of young people to engage in budget formulation, public participation, and social accountability processes. He has spearheaded initiatives such as Macho Kwa Uchaguzi—promoting peaceful youth participation in elections—and the Youth in Civic Spaces Project, which trains young leaders on transparency, integrity, and ethical leadership.



Arnold also serves as the Nyanza Outreach Coordinator for Amnesty International Kenya and has been recognized globally through the World Justice Challenge 2024 and the Global Artivism Conference 2024 for his innovative civic engagement work. He is committed to building an informed, active, and empowered citizenry, believing that meaningful change begins at the grassroots.

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**Personal Quote:**

"Youth empowerment means giving young people the voice, space, and tools to shape the future they want. Let us create those opportunities at every level."