

OUR ACTIVITIES.

- To achieve its objectives, MPP devotes substantial portion of its resources and time on a variety of youth friendly and educative activities. Anyone willing to participate can join the peer educators in the following activities;
-**FORUM THEATRE:** Dramatic expression of challenges and possible solutions.
-**TOP TALK TIME:** Highly interactive sessions about students' daily challenges.
- **CLIQUE RENDEZVOUS:** Interest Group Discussions for students having something in common or similar interests.
-**MOVIE NIGHTS:** Entertaining movie shows with peers having fun together as they learn and desist from risky sexual behavior.
- **TALENT NIGHT:** Giving opportunity to peers to discover and unleash their God endowed potential as they realize their dreams.
-**WEEKLY PRINT:** Students' voice in writing. Please send in your article to the chief editor's desk for free publication. It includes a great deal of valuable and educative information.
-**KINA MUST DRAMA SERIES:** Dramatic presentations on the ever changing way of life in MUST.
AND MANY MORE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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OFFICE HOURS

Our office is located opposite the Library, near the University Clinic. Feel free to drop by any time during the working hours: **MONDAY**

TO FRIDAY; 8:30 am to 5:00pm

SATURDAY; 9:00am to 1:00pm

Well, if you have ever doubted your ability to make a valuable contribution in

MUST.....just know that you can!!!!!!

Be part of MUST Peer Project and discover the best in you!!!!!! TOGETHER....WE CAN

MAKE MUST A BETTER PLACE TO BE AS WE REALISE OUR DREAMS.



An Interest Group Discussion in Progress

BACKGROUND

MUST PEER PROJECT (MPP) is a students' initiative at Mbarara University of Science and Technology (MUST) focusing on "**Sexuality, Life Planning Skills and Reproductive Health**" as well as advocating for positive behavior change as an effective tool in the prevention of HIV/AIDS and other student health related issues .

MPP works on the rationale that peers are a more trusted and credible source of information, share similar experiences, challenges & social norms and therefore are better placed to provide relevant, meaningful, explicit and honest information to fellow peers.

MPP provides an avenue that empowers students to draw on the positive strength of

the peer group. Central to our work is appropriate training, strategic partnership and support collaboration.

OUR VISION

“A university with confident and empowered young people making responsible decisions about their sexuality”

OUR MISSION

“To create a student friendly forum through which students are encouraged to consider, and share honestly about sexuality and develop responsible habits, attitudes and lifestyles that make them less vulnerable to life’s challenges”

OUR SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:

- To create a student friendly environment that encourages open discussions on sexuality and other related issues.
- To disseminate correct information about HIV/AIDS, STDs and other related health issues.
- To develop Information Education and Communication materials (IEC) that promote and advocate for positive behavior change.
- To encourage health service seeking amongst students. e.g. VCT and treatment of STDs.
- To supplement on existing student health services. e.g. peer counseling.
- To develop and maintain a thriving student team of peer educators, through empowering of life planning skills.

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE.

- The project activities are implemented by MUST students who are trained peer educators with support from the resource persons. Activities are carried out under different committees with an oversight of the Students’ Coordinator. The committees are;
 - i) Service delivery
 - ii) Advocacy
 - iii) Capacity building
 - iv) Strategic partnership
 - v) IEC/BCC (Information Education Communication / Behavioral Change Communication).
- The committees are inter-dependent on one another and exhibit a high degree of team work.
- MPP is your ultimate companion and will take you through the meaning of life at the prestigious MUST.

SERVICES OFFERED.

1. Counseling
2. Peer to peer education about sexuality and life planning skills.
3. Referral for more competent and professional help in/around MUST.
4. Reading material on a variety of topics.
5. Free Internet.
6. Free condom distribution and education.

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE.

By virtue of being a MUST student, you are eligible to joining and becoming a member of this project. Please feel free to come to our offices and register as a member- no

subscription!!! Every year, very active members are trained to become peer educators.

- *Considering the fact that Mbarara district is ranked among the districts with the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS, MPP is well equipped with friendly peer educators (fellow students), who care about your health needs and will continually and unconditionally help you cope with challenging life at campus.*