



" An educated nation = A well informed nation,  
MRYE  
Creating an atmosphere of excellence"

## **MPEPU RURAL YOUTH ENCOURAGEMENT (MRYE)**

### **MANAGERIAL REPORT**

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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

**MRYE MISSION STATEMENT:** “We are driven by passion and willingness of our hearts to empower the youth of South Africa so that they can make informed decisions.”

MRYE is a registered Society under SRC at the University of Pretoria. It was found by two enthusiasts in 2005, and so in 2015 we are celebrating a decade of existence as a society in this institution. The main aim of the organisation is to empower the rural youth of South Africa, as stated above by our mission statement. We do that empowerment by excursions which take place mainly during the holidays for long trips (more than one day school visits) and during the semester for short trips (one day trip).

**OUR VISION:** Creating an atmosphere of excellence

**OUR MOTTO:** “Insight Inspires Success”

### **❖ Acknowledgements**

On behalf of the MRYE team I would like to thank the following organizations and individuals for all their support, diligence and dedication. Without these individuals, institutions and organisations, our journey in 2015 would not be a success.

- **CTHB**

I would like to give our sponsors, CTHB (The Centre of Excellence in the Tree Health and Biotechnology), a big thanks for providing us with the necessary funding to make all our trips a success. We thank them for their patience and for mentoring us and guiding us in all our trips that took place this year.

- **JuniorTukkie**

I would like to thank them for the material they provided for us (UP application forms and brochures), in all our trips. We deeply appreciate it as the material plays a key role in our visits.

- **Student Representative Council (SRC)**

Thank you for the funds provided for the organisation. We are grateful for the funds had made our journey a successful one.

- **Institutions**

I would like to thank institutions like University of Pretoria, University of Johannesburg, Tswane University of Technology, and the Witwatersrand University. We thank them for the application forms, prospectuses and brochures.

## **2. MRYE MEMBERS IN 2015**

In 2015 MRYE was able to register with SRC for the second time, (with 89 members), and so we fell under category C, we were short with only two members to make it to category B. But then as time went by, more and more members joined the organization with others drowning, i.e. becoming invisible in meetings and in activities that were taking place. But all in all with committed members we have made a positive impact on the lives of learners in rural schools and we had a great journey.

## **3. MRYE 2015 ACTIVITIES**

### **○ DENNILTON TRIP (MPUMALANGA)**

A group of eight MRYE members embarked on a short (one day) trip to Dennilton on the 20 of February 2015. They were granted an opportunity to speak to learners in three schools, namely Kgothala Secondary School, Sereme Combined School, and Thejane High School. They were warmly welcomed by all the schools, and so presented to them the information about tertiary level education, of the requirements to make it to a university and subjects one needs to study to pursue his/her career of passion, and also about the bursaries available to aid the students who do not have finances to further their studies. The trip was a success.





- **RE-REGISTRATION MEETING**

On the 05 March 2015, we had our first official meeting for re-registration with SRC for the year. We had a special guest which was sent by Societies Representative, Ms Michelle Kruger. And that guest was Jhwa-Nine Wyrley-Birch, the Transformation and Student Success portfolio holder for SRC.

- **TEAM BUILDING AND PORTFOLIO TRAINING**

On the 14<sup>th</sup> of March 2015, we had our Annual Portfolio Training and Team Building at Magnolia Park. The attendance was not satisfactorily as most people could not make it, for different reasons. But all in all it was also a success. SRC funds were used to sponsor this gathering. Thank you!



## ○ **LUSIKISIKI TRIP (EASTERN CAPE)**

This second MRYE trip took place between the 27<sup>th</sup> of March and the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2015. A team of nine members partook on the long trip to the rural Lusikisiki in the Eastern Cape Province, which is about 900 kilometres away from Pretoria, and they visited nine schools namely, Ntafufu, Ben Mali, Hillbrow, Toli, Mgezwa, Phambili, Mqikela, Sangoni, and Palmerton all of them were Senior Secondary Schools. The teachers were very happy for receive our team as we were warmly welcomed in most of the schools. And the leaners there were keen to receive the information, as the team experienced maximum participation from learners. In two of the schools they presented to more than eight hundred learners at assembly.



Ntafufu Senior Senior  
School (first school to visit)



Ben Mali Senior  
Secondary School



Palmarton High  
School





## ○ **TEMBISA (GAUTENG)**

Towards the end of May, MRYE was invited by their former Chairperson Mr Aaron Mabaso to a school he teaches Umqhele Secondary School. It was a short trip also. They were warmly welcomed by the principal of the school. And all the presentations were a success even though it was a short notice. Mr Sithembiso Khumalo and Miss Slindile Zulu, who are also former Chairpersons of MRYE were present throughout the presentations and they did help with motivating learners who were very enthusiastic and eagerly listened to the presentations without making loud noise and causing distractions. The trip was also a success.



## ○ **NQUTHU (KWAZULU-NATAL)**

During the June-July recess MRYE once again embarked on a trip to Nqutu in the rural of KwaZulu-Natal. It was a long trip that took place from the 04<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> of July 2015. A team of twelve members went there. They visited eighteen schools, namely, Mzilankatha, Mangeni, Springlake, Ngwane, Mgazi, Ubongumenzi (2015 MRYE Chairperson's former secondary school), Leneha Tumisi, Funulwazi, Msimbu, Nomdumo, Zicole, Ekucabangeni, Velaphansi, Ukuphumula, and Sicelimfundo. Everything went well, and all the presentations were successful, though they had faced some challenges here and there, but everything came out to be a victory. They overcame the challenges and so the trip was also a success after all.



## ○ **NORTH-WEST TRIP**

On the 01 October 2015, a group of 10 members took part on the trip to North West. The team was expected to come back from North West on the 07 October and then set a short trip to Makapanstad on the 08 October 2015. But then the Makapanstad trip had to be cancelled as the schools they had communicated and arranged with pulled out. In the North West, they presented on the schools individually and also in groups at different 'Spring School' camps arranged for the students that are



not doing so well in their studies. A total number of 23 schools had the privilege to receive information from MRYE.

After the trip, this is what the head-organizer of the trip, Sylvester Phalane had to say: "This was the first trip I was organizing. It was challenging and it was also a learning experience." The trip, like all the other trips for 2015, was a huge success.



#### **4. PLANS FOR 2016**

The mission have not changed. We are still looking forward to empowering the youth of South Africa so that they have a tool (information) which they need to make informed decisions; as stated by our Mission Statement. We are looking forward to attracting more and more people to the organisation. So, awareness around different campuses is one of our primary goals. We want as many people as possible to be granted the MRYE membership. We are currently working on the strategies we can use to market our organisation which I honestly believe it does much, but most students are not aware that it exists. The provinces that we could not visit this year, are our main priority for 2016 as we aim for balanced influence across the country. We are planning on a trip to Limpopo at the beginning of the year, around January 2016.

We are also looking forward to establishing liaisons with different organisations which are on the same mission as us. Also the important focus, is getting other sponsors for our trips as we have only one sponsor. With many sponsors we get, I believe the more impact we can make in the rural communities.

#### **5. CONCLUSION**

I am very impressed with the work done by MRYE in 2015. I believe lives have been changed, and minds enlightened. Working together is one tool that pushes any other instigation or initiative forward. I am very happy with the support from the members, the alumni and the advisory board of MRYE. In 2015, we established a bond with JuniorTukkie and we intend to keep the long-lasting relationship with them as their ambassadors.

A nation without leaders is not a prosperous nation, and thus I would like to see as many young people engage themselves with leadership and community service. Thank you!

#### **Chairperson**

Thembelani Sithole