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Welcome to the *very first* LIVE-Ex newsletter — powered by youth from Zimbabwe, Malawi, Tanzania, Togo, Mozambique, Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria 🌍👊

Across the world, people are coming together to care for the Earth — planting trees, restoring ecosystems, and standing up for environmental justice in their communities.

So scroll down and remember: this movement is yours too.

Below you can see our beauty tech-nature inspired butterfly, our project logo, futuristic, nah?!



So...what is LIVE-Ex?

LIVE-Ex (short for *Live Exchanges*) is a global project co-funded by the European Union and powered by young people from across **Africa and Europe**, bringing together fresh ideas, fearless activism, and cross-border solidarity to respond to the climate crisis.

We're talking about:

- 👊 Grassroots leadership
- 📱 Digital storytelling
- 🌱 Real action on the ground
- 👊 Intercultural exchange for real!

From clean-up campaigns in Dar es Salaam to permaculture in Malawi, from restoring rivers in Togo to truth-telling in Kenya — LIVE-Ex is where youth stop waiting for change and start *being* the change. This newsletter is your quarterly drop of real voices, real impact, and real inspiration.

📌 Read about the project consortium in [our website](#).



Stories from the ground

Let's jump into what's happening on the ground, where LIVE-Ex youth are not just reacting to the climate crisis... they're rewriting the narrative.



ZIMBABWE

From Cyclone Survivors to Climate Warriors

In Zimbabwe, with Zimbabwe Workcamps Association, mentors **Ian Mugowa** and **Agatha Mubaiwa**, along with coordinator **Ratherford Mwaruta**, are leading the way with a powerful blend of physical and digital exchange sessions focused on:



Climate-resilient agriculture



Water conservation



Waste management



In Manicaland — still deeply impacted by **Cyclone Idai** — youth from **Mutambara High School** are channeling lived experiences into hands-on innovation and climate resilience projects.

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*“The more we delay in taking action,
the more disasters and regulations
we will face. Join the LIVE-Ex
community today!”*

-Ian Mugowa, Zimbabwe



[Read the story](#)

MALAWI

They know there is no Planet B.

In Malawi, **COFO** is giving youth the space and tools to turn big ideas into concrete action.

Highlights include: 🌿 **Daniel Chibwe's permaculture project** in Mchinji — now a model for regenerative farming.

🧻 Youth in **Chikwawa** are rebooting clean-up campaigns and demanding better waste management infrastructure.

Coming up:

Forest regeneration in climate-vulnerable communities

Tree planting in schools

Digital storytelling campaigns launching soon.



Malawi news

TANZANIA

Beach Cleanups but Make It Iconic



Every Saturday, young people gather at **Coco Beach** in Dar es Salaam for the **Sunset Beach Clean-Up** — a grassroots event with trash bags, good vibes, and serious eco-impact.

And it's not just about the beach — the movement is spreading to **Kigoma**, proving that youth-led public space activism is here to stay.

[More about Coco Beach](#)

TOGO

Women with Water Buckets and Power

In Kpalimé, women farmers face water scarcity, plastic pollution, and climate stress. But with support from **ASTOVOT** and LIVE-Ex volunteers, they're flipping the script.

What they're doing:

-  Restoring riverbanks for irrigation
-  Piloting drip irrigation systems
-  Launching plastic reduction campaigns
-  Replanting trees to stabilize ecosystems

This is what frontline climate adaptation looks like — local, female-led, and fierce.



[Read the story](#)

MOZAMBIQUE **Trash? Not in My Community.**

In Maputo, LIVE-Ex youth are bringing Einstein-level creativity to community waste problems.

Their solution? A **recycling challenge** that inspires households to cut down on waste and embrace reuse.

“It’s the little things that citizens do. That’s what will make the difference. My small thing is planting trees.”

— Wangari Maathai

This isn’t about being perfect — it’s about starting where you are and bringing your community with you.



Mozambique news



KENYA

Youth Speak Out: This Land Has a Memory

"My photo shows rock mining destroying trees. People see profits.
But no one sees the danger of the land collapsing."

This powerful reflection from a Kenyan LIVE-Ex participant connects the dots between **colonial extraction, climate injustice, and youth resistance**. LIVE-Ex is holding space for this truth — and building a future where nature is protected, not plundered.

🧠 History matters. So do the people rewriting it.



Kenya news

South Africa

WiFi, Workcamps & World-Changers: SAVWA's Digital Glow-Up

Think digital exchange means awkward moments? Think again. SAVWA in South Africa is transforming it—training mentors, planting gardens, engaging stakeholders, and empowering youth. Despite tech hurdles, the impact was profound.

From Soshanguve to the LIVE-Ex consortium, it's about tech driving community, creativity, and climate justice. Spoiler: a regional storytelling workshop is coming—and you're invited.

✨ Join us to see how digital sparks real-world change. Connection is a movement.



More about
South Africa



Trash Talk, But Make It Transformative: Lagos Is Getting a Makeover

Lagos is not here to play. With over 10,000 tons of daily waste (yes, you read that right), the LIVE-Ex Nigeria team said: “Let’s clean this city up—and make it fabulous.” From TikTok-ready challenges to upcycled art, composting workshops to youth-powered flash mobs, the *Clean Up Lagos* initiative is bringing bins, beauty, and behavioral change to the streets. Schools, businesses, communities—everyone’s getting in on the glow-up. And don’t worry, there are rewards, recycling apps, and eco-clubs to keep things spicy.

 Ready for a cleaner, greener Lagos with a side of sass?

Join the movement this May. Because waste is out, and sustainability is *so in*.

Join now!



What's next?

Join our first virtual dialogue on
20 May 2025 and meet all this
amazing people



How can I join?

As easy as a click.



Register now to our event!

Don't miss it!

Before parting ways, here's a lovely postcard
from South Africa 🥰



Explore More: Tools, Stories & the Launch Video!

Still hungry for more? We got you.

🌟 The LIVE-Ex website is **live and loaded** with everything you need to get inspired, take action, and get involved.

🔗 Head to www.ccivs.org/live-ex to:

🎥 **Watch the official LIVE-Ex launch video** (spoiler: it slaps)

📁 **Download the toolkits** on climate action, youth advocacy & digital campaigning

📖 **Meet all the National Coordinators** and dive deeper into local stories
Whether you're looking for ideas to start your own project or just want to vibe with youth-led action across continents, this is your portal.
Open it. Use it. Share it.

Visit the LIVE-Ex Hub



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