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INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Don Bosco Youth Educational services (DBYES) was initiated in 1998 to assist the Salesians tackle the social and cultural problems affecting the youth. The Don Bosco Youth & Educational Services team is composed of well-qualified personnel and are present in Eastern Africa namely Kenya and Tanzania. In the years of existence, DBYES have managed to obtain a very good reputation for competence, effectiveness and efficiency in their activities.

DBYES is a youth friendly centre focused towards empowering, accompanying and animating young people, youth ministers, catechists, teachers, Parents and other leaders. Here we train in life-skills such as: Self awareness, Self assertiveness, Care for the Body, Interpersonal skills, Communication, Stress management, Problem solving, goal setting, Planning, Decision making, caring for the spiritual self, Youth counselling so as to transform our nation.

We are a team of Salesians of Don Bosco (SDB) - Fathers &Brothers and lay volunteers who draw our inspiration from Don Bosco, Educator and Friend of youth whose life and teachings influence the education of young people around the world.

Scheduled map

Don Bosco Youth Educational Services is situated in Karen. In Karen shopping centre, there is a roundabout that has for branches, when coming from Nairobi using Ngong road, you will see a BP filling station on your left, and a road to lang’ata, turn on your right. DBYES is 2½km from the roundabout, on your way to Dagoretti Market.

Geographical Environment

Karen is generally characterised by a cold and pleasant climate, this is because of the vegetation cover which is always green and with so many trees. This makes the place a serene environment for concentration.
Apart from the serene environment, the quietness of the place also matters; this is because it creates a room for being proactive.

Main Activities

The main activities now offered by Don Bosco Youth Educational Services is very wide in order to meet the varied training needs for today’s fast moving and changing world.

1. Main Programs offered at DBYES

- Youth & young workers
  
  Retreats, time management, goal setting, interpersonal skills, decision making, communication, stress management, youth counselling, and youth – parent relationship.

- Family and Couples
  
  Planning, parent – child relationship, family retreats, synods preparation, parenting skills, problem solving

- Singles/ single parents
  
  Avoid stigma, believing in you, retreats, and having time out.

- Young professionals/professionals
  
  Creating leisure time, family connection, being assertive, effective communication, improving personality and career development

2. Media Education

Those trained in this program gain skills to apply when training other youth in their parishes, schools and even formation houses. This includes communication skills and use of communication equipments used in the industry.
3. **Life Choices Program and HIV/AIDS Education**

Train the Trainer and Peer Education- Instrumental in the process of implementing Life Choices Program are training of trainers, in every centre. Each year, these trainers receive a three week training on the Life Choices Program where they taught on how to guide youth leaders in peer to peer activities, how to conduct monitoring and evaluation activities for the program.

Trainers are then expected to recruit, train and monitor the activities of 6 to 10 youth leaders. Finally they compile a monthly and quarterly activity reports for themselves as well as the youth with whom they are working.

Training for young people in life skills and HIV/AIDS related topics are also offered to youth from different institutions like primary schools, secondary schools, colleges and neighbourhood communities. Tangaza College has been identified, to be supporting the outreach programme of training peer educators to reach other peers during their day to day interactions.

4. **Scaffolding**

This allows the students to achieve independence, in whatever they do. This calls for the teacher’s guidance in various fields of study. If the students are unable to achieve independence, the teacher brings back the support system to help students experience success until they are able to achieve independence. For example a teacher taking literature may give the students time to read a text, and then gives them questions that guide them, when trying to come up with answers.

5. **Information & Technology Courses**

Computer literacy is essential, especially in this era of technology; DBYES addresses this need by assisting the youth to acquire the skills through training.

**DBYES** also houses **BEAMS** (Bosco East Africa Multimedia Services). At this media centre we do Desk Top Publishing, Video shooting and Editing, Professional Audio Recording, 3D Animation and Web Design.
• At the printing section we undertake designing and printing of cards for various occasions, such as marriage, ordination, brochures, school and parish magazines etc.
• At the Audio studio we undertake recording and production of choir, band, talks etc.
• At the video editing studio we undertake the shooting and production of marriages, school and parish feasts, ordination, religious profession school graduation, conferences etc.
• At 3D studio we undertake Animation of Characters
• We also do web – designing for institutions and individuals

The training and animation materials produced at BEAMS for sale are usually sold at a lower price.

Other activities

In the institution, there are facilities that make it possible for recreational activities to be availed, this ensures that those groups of students or young professionals who attend the training, will be able to find ways of relaxing through playing basketball, netball and volleyball.

Future Programmes

Residential training programmes for teachers, animators, youth leaders and the youth themselves from around and schools in Kenya.

DBYES also intends to introduce distant learning programme by linking students to distant colleges through internet use. This will be made possible when the internet class is fully equipped with computers.

Beneficiaries

The young people who are coming for the training at DBYES benefit from the life skills training. Youth from different schools, colleges, neighbourhood and the nation at large will benefit directly from the project.