

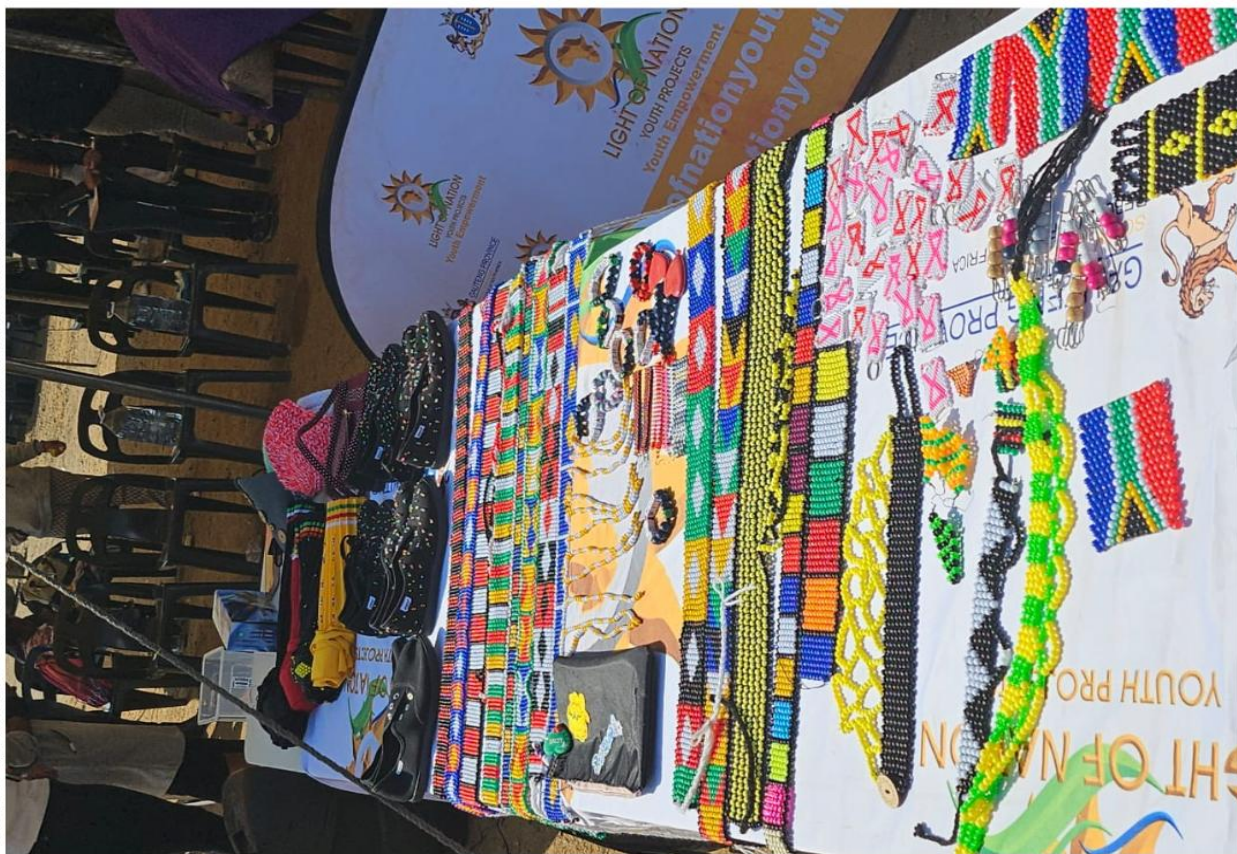
PROJECT PROPOSAL

CREATIVITY BEYOND DISABILITY PROJECT



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Organisational Overview

Light of Nation Youth Projects (NPO Reg. No. 133-692) is a youth-focused, community-rooted non-profit organisation based in Kingsway, Benoni. Since our establishment in 2010, we have worked tirelessly to address the challenges faced by youth, women, and persons with disabilities in under-resourced communities.

Our mission is to empower individuals through skills development, health awareness, psychosocial support, and sustainable livelihood programmes. We provide practical training and community-based services that aim to break cycles of poverty, dependency, and exclusion. Through structured initiatives, we have impacted hundreds of lives across Ekurhuleni and beyond.

Programme Overview: Creativity Beyond Disability

The Creativity Beyond Disability programme is one of our flagship initiatives, designed to uplift persons with disabilities by equipping them with creative and income-generating skills. Through this programme, we provide training in beadwork, crochet, and crafts, conducted directly at disability centres to ensure accessibility.

Over the past year, the programme has reached more than 20 participants and is steadily growing. Our weekly training sessions foster dignity, boost confidence, and open up entrepreneurship pathways for people who are often excluded from economic activity.

Heritage Month Art Exhibition – 26 September 2025

To celebrate the talents of our participants and raise awareness about the capabilities of persons with disabilities, we are hosting a Heritage Month Art Exhibition on 26 September 2025. This event will showcase handcrafted beadwork and crochet items created throughout the programme. It will serve as a public platform for inclusion, appreciation of South African heritage, and income generation for our beneficiaries.

The exhibition will include:

- Art displays and sales booths
- Live demonstrations of beadwork and crochet
- Traditional entertainment
- Disability awareness and cultural celebration
- Networking opportunities with local artisans, businesses, and community leaders

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: Event Donations

We are requesting donations in cash or kind to support the successful hosting of this important Heritage Month event. Your contributions will help us cover:

- Venue Hire: A safe, accessible space to accommodate guests and participants
- Event Equipment: Tables, chairs, tents, and sound system
- Exhibition Materials: Display boards, product packaging, branding
- Transport Support: Travel costs for participants and staff

- Catering: Light refreshments for guests and exhibitors
- Promotional Materials: Flyers, posters, social media marketing
- Stipends: Modest participation support for people with disabilities involved in the exhibition

Why Your Support Matters

This exhibition is more than an event, it is a celebration of ability, resilience, and heritage. With your support, we will empower 50 people with disabilities in Ekurhuleni to showcase their talents, generate income, and feel seen and valued by the broader community.

Your donation will directly contribute to an inclusive, meaningful event that brings visibility and dignity to a group often left behind.

Accountability and Recognition

All donors will be acknowledged in our programme material and online platforms. We commit to transparent reporting, and detailed cost breakdowns and financial reports will be shared with our partners and supporters.

We warmly invite you to be part of this empowering celebration. Your support will make Heritage Month 2025 a time of visibility, culture, and community for persons with disabilities. Together, let's create a platform where every voice, craft, and culture is honoured.

Heritage Month Art Exhibition – Budget Breakdown

Item	Cost (USD)	Description
Venue Hire & Setup	\$2,000	Accessible venue rental, stage, sound, and exhibition setup.
Event Infrastructure	\$2,200	Tents, chairs, tables, PA system, lighting, and décor.
Transport Logistics	\$2,900	Transport for 50 participants, facilitators, and products.
Marketing & Promotion	\$1,500	Flyers, banners, social media, community radio, and branded materials.
Display Materials	\$1,000	Product stands, signage, table covers, and packaging supplies.
Art & Craft Supplies	\$1,800	Beads, crochet materials, thread, tools, and storage items.
Catering & Refreshments	\$2,800	Meals and drinks for participants, facilitators, and 200+ guests.
Photography & Videography	\$49	Professional documentation for impact reporting and promotions.
Total Amount Requested	\$14,249	