

How can learners prevent crime in their school and communities?

In South Africa, crime has always been a major problem to the justice department, and the government's efforts in trying to reduce crime haven't been that effective. Crime is inevitable to happen as long as there is poverty, which is mostly caused by unemployment. Poor people resort to committing crimes in order to survive and crime is not a good alternative, because it has harsh consequences.

Solutions to alleviate crime are programmes like safer South Africa. During the course of this programme I got a different and better perspective of the Justice department. I have seen that the department is not all about enforcing the law but they are also about practicing the law. I've had a shift of paradigms and know that I can stop crime and not just report it, and it's not only just me but the whole youth of South Africa.

We need to form some strategies and come together against crime. The law hasn't failed against crime but the only problem is that we kids let it happen around us. This mentality that suggests that the justice of South Africa is a failure is stuck in our brains and we are enslaved by the false ideas. People think that the justice system is corrupted, but it has only some few cases of corruption and not all of it, so there's still a little hope for their system. And we the youth of South Africa can help in promoting justice and creating relief in communities.

Youngsters can create a safer South Africa and transform their own lives in the process. Firstly by staying away from criminal activities themselves, such as the so popular under-age drinking and the use of illegal drugs. If they report their drug dealers and illegal traders, it would help in stopping their addictions and in a way help them to stay away from prison. Young addicts perform crimes as means of feeding their addiction, so if they report their dealers, it would put a stop to their addiction.

Despite numerous attempts by the government to reduce crime in our communities, they failed, this is because the community members aren't involved in anyway. Together we have a better chance, so why don't we the youth of South Africa and find our own ways to enforce the law onto every criminal. I, myself have found a way to alleviate crime and that is by becoming a lawyer. I've learnt that it takes only 4 years to become one and after that it's onto the crime stopping and it always had been a passion to provide relief to people.

I would like to also recommend to the learners attending this programme of safer South Africa to be involved in the justice system by choosing careers in this field. That would enhance the system, because we, who attend safer South Africa have a better knowledge of enforcing the law and eliminating crime. It would be the ideal for us to be chosen for the job. We are the future unit of crime prevention.