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PAWA254 JANUARY NEWSLETTER

COMMUNITY FEATURE

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Barbara Gitari is a digital content creator from Nairobi, Kenya, operating The Pufferfly Animation Studio, a sanctuary of creativity and craftsmanship where stories come alive through the magic of 2D animation

She has collaborated with a diverse array of clients across various industries, and each project has enriched her expertise, enabling her to transform ideas into animations and illustrations that captivate and inspire.

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Through meticulous blend of creativity and technology, she brings to life characters and worlds that leave lasting impressions. She has mastered a spectrum of animation styles, from whimsical and enchanting to sleek and modern.

She is currently implementing project DAL by PAWA254, a project that seeks to advance meaningful youth participation in democratic processes through Augmented Reality (AR) art.

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Bernard Karathe - Community Manager

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Art Rising!

AFRICA'S FIRST ARTIVISM REPORT



WHAT IT'S
ALL ABOUT



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PAWA254 launched our groundbreaking research report on '[The Role of Artivism in Advancing Socio-Economic and Political Development in Kenya](#)', a pivotal moment in documenting and legitimizing creative civic engagement as a critical pathway for democratic participation and inclusive governance.

Artivism has successfully expanded civic space by engaging groups traditionally excluded from formal political processes, including women, youth, and persons with disabilities. The report further highlights how digital artivism has demonstrated measurable impact on public discourse and policy debates, yet faces barriers including high internet costs and limited rural connectivity that require infrastructure investment.

The study provides concrete recommendations for institutionalizing artivism within national and county development frameworks, civic education programs, and cultural policies. These findings offer a roadmap for integrating creative civic engagement into your country assistance strategies and supporting government partners in recognizing art as a legitimate development tool.

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SENATE - WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2026 AT 2:30 PM

BILLS

Second Reading

- The **County Governments (State Officers Removal from Office) Procedure Bill** (Senate Bill No. 34 of 2024) - Sen. Karungo Thang'wa
- The **County Governments (Amendment) Bill** (Senate Bill No. 39 of 2024) - Sen. George Mbugua
- The **Street Naming and Property Addressing System Bill** (Senate Bill No. 43 of 2024) - Sen. Fatuma Dullo
- The **Public Procurement and Asset Disposal (Amendment) Bill** (National Assembly Bill No. 48 of 2024) - Sen. Aaron Cheruiyot
- The **County Governments Laws (Amendment) Bill** (Senate Bill No. 52 of 2024) - Sen. Kathuri Murungi
- The **Electronic Equipment Disposal, Recycling and Reuse Bill** (Senate Bill No. 5 of 2025) - Sen. Peris Tobiko
- The **Energy (Amendment) Bill** (Senate Bill No. 11 of 2025) - Sen. Oburu Odinga

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PAWA RADIO FEATURE



Welcome to 2026 with PAWA Radio

Hello, Pawaful people,

We hope your new year has started with a spark because at PAWA Radio we're charging into 2026 with more energy, creativity and soul than ever before. January might have been a gentle warm-up but trust us, what's coming next is going to make this year unforgettable.

This year we're not just turning the dial, we're turning the experience up. Imagine mornings that greet you with beats that make your heart dance, afternoons filled with stories that make you laugh, think, and connect, and

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From exclusive artist interviews to surprise live sessions, community highlights, and shows that defy expectation, 2026 is going to be a year where we push boundaries, celebrate voices, and bring you closer to the music and stories you love.

From the Artivism Report Launch to the Digital Action Lab Showcase, to more lives on location, 2026 is looking up and you better stay right here with us!

So buckle up, your favorite station is about to get bigger, bolder, and brighter. Keep your dial locked, your ears ready, and your hearts open because the best of Pawa Radio is just getting started.

Here's to a year full of music, connection, and unforgettable moments. Welcome back to the vibe. Welcome to 2026.

Keep Tuning In and Powering Up!

Anne Wanyoike - Community Assistant

Opportunities

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WE ARE HIRING!

(PAID INTERNSHIP)

Afrokidz is a children's literacy and storytelling organisation that nurtures creativity, reading culture, and young voices through books, storytelling, and community programmes.

We are looking for a creative, organised, and confident Communications Intern to support our storytelling, digital presence, and children's literacy programmes.

COMMUNICATIONS INTERN

YOU MIGHT BE A GREAT FIT IF YOU:

- Are studying or recently graduated in Communications, Media, Journalism, Literature, Creative Arts, Education, or related fields
- Love storytelling, books, and working with children
- Are confident speaking in front of an audience (or excited to learn!)
- Are active on social media and understand digital trends
- Are organised, reliable, and creative
- Have basic writing and editing skills

(Bonus but not mandatory: Canva, basic photography, and website CMS experience)

Send:

- A short CV
- A brief note (or voice note!) on why you're interested

DEADLINE:
28TH FEBRUARY 2026

Afrokidz
digital edutainment

APPLY NOW

AfrokidzKenya@gmail.com



Afrokidz Trust: Communications Intern

Afrokidz trust are looking for a creative, organised, and confident Communications Intern to support our storytelling, digital presence, and children's literacy programmes. This is a paid internship and an opportunity to gain hands-on experience in communications, content creation, and children's arts programming

Send your resume and a short note on why you're the best fit via afrokidzkenya@gmail.com

Human-Centred Conservation Storytelling Grant

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Human- Centred Conservation Storytelling Grant

The Human-Centred Conservation Storytelling Grant supports high-quality, publishable stories that explore conservation as it is lived and experienced by people. They are seeking strong, original stories that explore conservation through a human-centred lens.

[Application Link & Details](#)

Events

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Digital Action Lab (DAL)

Showcase

Augmenting Youth Democracy for Meaningful Youth Participation

Date: 27th Feb - Mar 6th, 2026

Venue: Mageuzi Hub, Metropolitan Court

Time: From 12PM



Digital Action Lab (DAL): DemocrARtic Exhibitions Showcase

The DemocrARtic Exhibitions Showcase is opening on Friday 27th February at Mageuzi Hub.

Marking the culmination of the Digital Action Lab (DAL) campaign, the exhibition will showcase Augmented Reality (AR) art pieces produced by young artists during the project focusing on themes of voter registration, identity documentation, civic rights, and democratic participation.

27th Feb - 6th March

Mageuzi Hub, Metropolitan Court

12pm - Onwards

Free admission

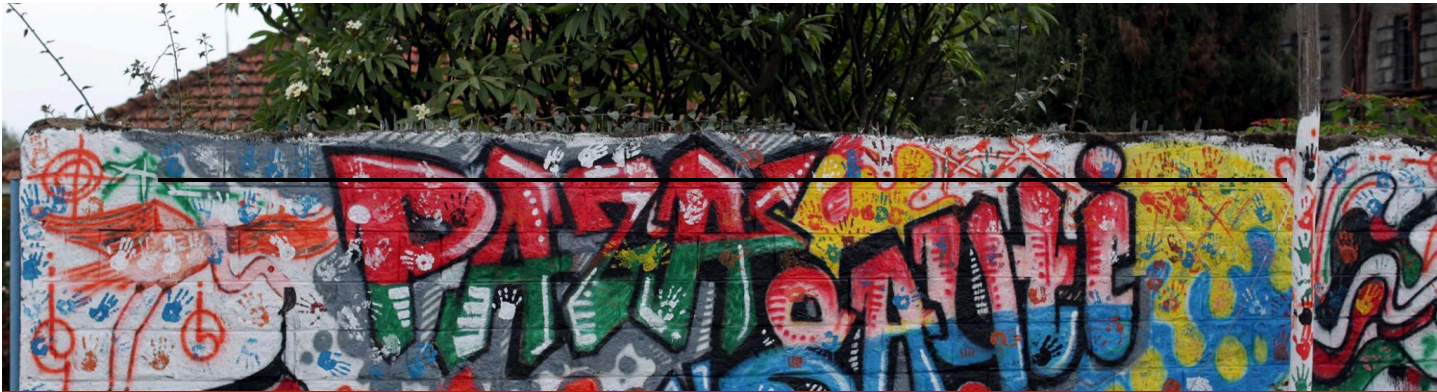
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“Leveraging on Emerging Technologies for Youth Civic Participation”.

Come explore and learn about how activists are transforming civic stories into immersive experiences to deepen democratic participation.

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