Khanya College 25th Winter School and Theatre Team By Blessing Ngwenya 11 August 2024

This year on Khanya College Winter School was a very massive due to the number of different activist that came to celebrate the 25th Annual School in order to understand the importance of coming together as working class people with a common goal of overcoming nor change the way working class people have being living regarding the challenges, In this year Winter School participants were taught about Mutual Aid its benefits and ways to overcome situation in an appropriate way or in a good manner.

During Winter School the participants got a chance to learn more about Mutual Aid which a way of organising, mobilising, engaging and implement the mutual aid in our community and organisations in a way that is fair where everyone will have a point of view in very decision that has been taken within the group. The main purpose of initiating Mutual Aid in our organisations can improve lot of things like gender balance where every gender has a right to have an honest opinion without favouring anyone or any side. After the lessons of mutual aid all the participants were given a chance to showcase what they have learned and were divided into six different group each group had a certain thing to organise the main reason behind this activity was for the participants to see how important it is to work together as a team not one as an individual.

So each group was given a task to organise and plan according to what they were working on but at the end of the day the event was going to be big one in which different people put together their thoughts about how they could do things or improve. There was the Programme Team that was supposed to organise how the programme was going to start, the Media Team to make sure that they captured every moment that would be happening throughout the day. The Food group was responsible for cooking and making sure that everyone got food and was served well while the Logistics team had to make sure that the venue was ready.

They also had to see to it that people would going to travel from one place to another in an organised way, the number of people, making sure that everyone was protected as they would be walking to the destination. And there was also a Theatre Team that produced a show about how high unemployment is killing our community and the impacts of crime in working class environments is.

The event took place at the corner of Bree Taxi rank in the inner-city Johannesburg on 18 July 2024 where lots of people came out to watch. The theatre drama was educational on how crime is a bad thing in the community, also showing that if we come together, we can stop crime within our communities. This was all done through the preparation of mutual aid in the groups.

For most of the participants, it was their first time to come to Johannesburg which caused a little challenge when it came to keeping people safely on the road and controlling traffic while people are passing. This all event was part and parcel of preparation for the big event that was supposed to happened at workers museum in Newtown on the 20 of July 2024. despite the little mistakes that happened the whole theatre and event really represented a great performance to the crowed and members of different organisations including people who were passing, their eyes were caught up during the act which was all about teaching people about Mutual Aid methods

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