



The  
**National Foundations  
Dialogue Initiative**  
Reclaiming the South Africa of our Dreams



# National Foundations Dialogue Initiative (NFDI) KwaZulu-Natal Dialogue Session

## Group Discussions





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**GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

**GROUP NUMBER: 1**

Facilitator:  
Kerina Madzimure

**Political Intolerance**

Comments: There is currently a big problem regarding political party supporters not being able to live together. People are killing each other to occupy certain political positions. The group recommends that there be teachings to communities regarding political tolerance. The group also recommends that people must understand what is leadership? Leadership is chosen not imposed.

**Lack of Security**

Comments: The current security and justice system is compromised. The police in not arresting people who are using drugs. In some instances when police arrest the perpetrators they take the drugs and resell to other users. Even if the people are arrested the justice system release them due to lack of evidence whereas they will be overwhelming evidence that they are drug lords. The group recommends tight and corrupt free police force and an uncompromised justice system which is not politically affiliated. The group also recommends that police officers must not stay at one police station for ever, they must rotate.

**Unemployment**

Comments: There is high levels of unemployment amongst the youth and as a result these youth resort to killings for cash. The group recommends that more jobs or funding be made available for the youth.

**Compromised Tendering System**

Comments: Currently the tendering system is compromised, small African companies are not getting tenders, the previously disadvantaged are not benefiting from the tenders. Tender system should not be bribed. Government MUST employ competent people in public offices and artisans to be employed permanently to avoid skills shortage.

## **Racial Discrimination**

Comments: Government is not treating Indians, Whites and Blacks equally. There is need for a rainbow nation which is currently not existing, though we claim to be a rainbow nation.

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## **GROUP NUMBER: 2**

Facilitator:

Boitumelo Suping

### **Family Education**

Comments: Family Education plays a critical role in the wellness of society and teaches morals and good manners. Family Education is basic as it instills respect for others and forms the basis of caring for one another.

### **School/ Formal Education**

Comments: Education teaches skills that builds society and effort must be put into training on self-reliance after completion. It should emphasize more on financial literacy while at early age and should be able to teach production, manufacturing and innovation.

### **Economic Education**

Comments: Should be able to teach about the economy and productivity of the nation.

### **Political Education**

Comments: Should be able to address friction within the space of politics for emancipation of the masses.

### **General Education**

Comments: This is the space occupied by social media, mainstream and television, it must address the challenges that face the society, Inequality, Poverty and Unemployment. The group feel there's a need to put education in the forefront of this triple challenges. The best way to address them is through correct processes of communication and it all requires education.

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## **GROUP NUMBER: 3**

Facilitator:

Douglas Dumisani Buthelezi

### **Violence in Communities**

Comments: As a group we felt that in order to have a society which is free of violence, we need to go back to basics. Families should be built based on respect and trust. We understand that some children are raised by single parents but single parents have families who need to play a major role in the life of the child. Society should also assist in raising children without ignoring their culture. Elders should play their role in educating their children and society on the things which are acceptable and unacceptable to society.

### **Education**

Comments: When the government designs education policies they must take cognisance off the culture of the community. Education should not conflict with the beliefs of society but to intensify them. The DOE should design education which will provide skills to children, taking into consideration their learning abilities. Children in universities must be assisted to get practical experience in different sectors in order to be geared for their careers.

### **People's Needs**

Comments: The government must understand the needs of the people and act accordingly. When designing policies, they must not use models of western policies and forget the freedom charter.

**Poverty**

Comments: Poverty contributes towards violence in communities as one would do whatever suits him or her.

**Foreign Sector**

Comments: Kids were not raised by the foreign sector and deeds are implemented wrongly. There is a lack of bond as children grow not knowing their parents especially mothers.

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**GROUP NUMBER: 4**

Facilitator:

Nceba Gqaleni

**A KZN TRC is Necessary**

Comments: To arrive at the bottom of the political killings it is necessary to re-open the truth and reconciliation commission to enable role players to tell the whole truth of what happened. This will contribute immensely to stopping the violence and healing.

**Community Dialogues**

Comments: Dialogues at community level make everyone equal and voices heard. It's a bottom up approach to finding solutions completely opposite to what politicians do, telling people what to do while they do not listen to communities. CBOs and NGOs should play an important role in these dialogues.

**Fighting Youth Unemployment**

Comments: Unemployed youth are vulnerable to being used to fuel violence and crime. Successful professionals and business persons should plough back through sharing knowledge and mentorship. They are positive role models.

**Fight Drug and Substance Abuse**

Comments: Drugs are fuelling crime in communities. We should have proper and effective intelligence where they come from and how they are distributed. Communities will tell you. Build drug rehabilitation centres close to communities that are cost effective. This is a fight not less than that mounted for HIV and AIDS.