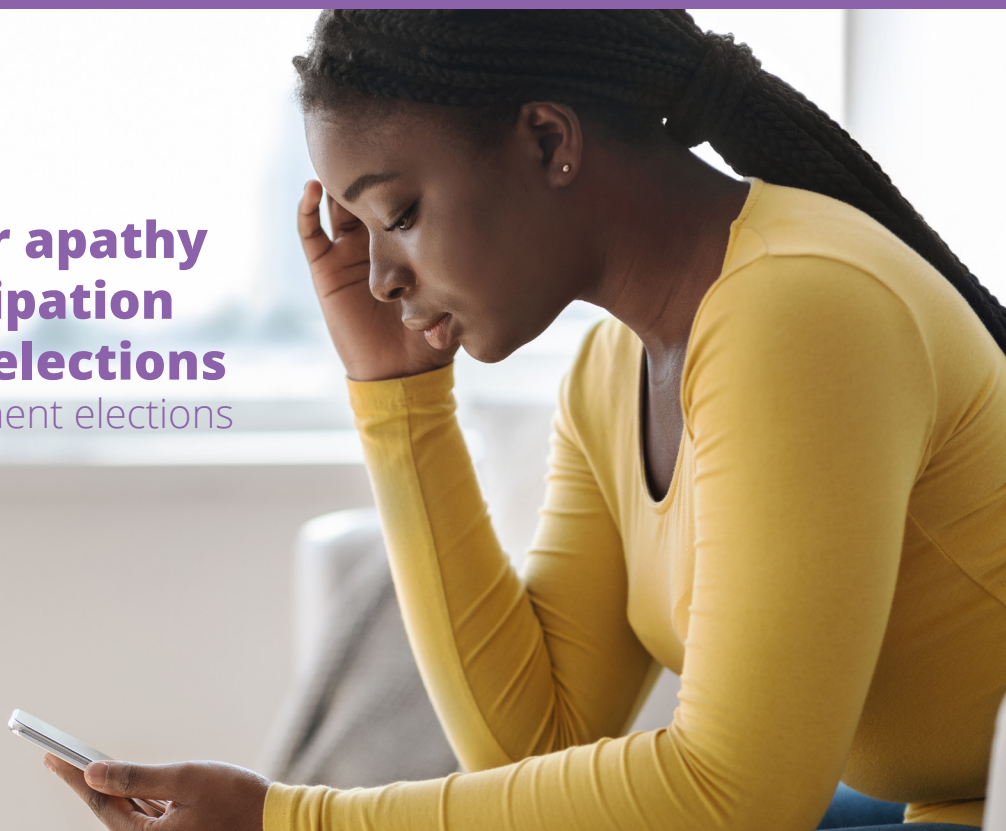


Webinar on voter apathy and youth participation in South African elections

A focus on local government elections



The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, cordially invites you to a webinar organised by the **Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit** on voter apathy in South African youth. The webinar will interrogate the issues that influence voter apathy in South African youth, informed by the trends of the two most recent election cycles, to understand how young people will participate in the upcoming local government elections in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and the existing issues.

This webinar aims to understand the trend towards declining youth participation, particularly at local government level and what influences this trend. The webinar will also address the upcoming elections to understand how young people intend to engage with these elections and what factors will influence this engagement. The webinar will also seek out perspectives on how to change the prevailing trend to increase youth participation in elections.

WEBINAR

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Thursday 1 April 2021

11:00 – 13:00 SAST

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Objectives

The webinar will look at several themes that have been said to be critical to the participation of young people in elections

Specifically, the webinar discussion will attempt to answer these key questions:

- What are the drivers of political disillusionment among the youth?
- How have youth-led social movements as alternative methods of political engagement affected how the youth engage with mainstream politics?
- How have poor service delivery and corruption contributed to voter apathy in the youth?
- What is the role of civic education in ensuring youth participation in elections?
- How will the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic influence the youth's voter behaviour in upcoming election cycles?
- Is youth affinity towards other forms of political expression and organisation an expression of apathy or a depiction of a changing world order?
- What strategies can be adopted to garner youth participation in the upcoming local government elections?

Speakers

Moderator:

Bonolo Makgale, Manager, Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit, Centre for Human Rights

Panellists:

- Ms Busisiwe Seabe, Fees Must Fall Activist
- Mr Sphamandla Mhlongo, Senior Programmes Manager, Democracy Development Program (DDP)
- Mr Thabo Nonkenge, Founder and CEO, SOSS

Event details

Thursday 1 April 2021

09:00 GMT / 10:00 WAT / 11:00 SAST / 12: 00 EAT

All participants are required to [register on Zoom](#).

Zoom Meeting ID: 928 2877 4691 (registration required)

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