

WILD SHOTS Outreach

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Engaging young people in nature and conservation through photography

WSO has now delivered over **100 programmes** across Southern....and now **East Africa!** While this newsletter is being compiled, **Rifumo Mathebula**, our programme director, is in **Botswana** delivering WSO courses in partnership with **Natural Selection** to young people from the same three communities Mike worked with last year. Meanwhile Mike has just delivered the first WSO programme in **Kenya**.



WSO in Kenya – sharing our photos, sharing our stories

WSO in Kenya!

WSO was invited to deliver a pilot programme at Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Kenya in March. 16 young people from two schools in local communities bordering the reserve attended this residential course over 5 days. Huge thanks to the sponsors who made this possible and to the Community Education staff at Lewa.

"This was the first time for me to see rhinos. If all the rhinos are killed, what will we explain to our children?" Rebecca Mumbi, (16)



Nothando, Karabo and Refilwe watching Shem's presentation

Girls Who Click & C4 Photo Safaris.

Two of our young female photographers, Queen Manyike and Karabo Magakane, have been invited to become ambassadors with the international Girls Who Click program. This USA based initiative mentors female photographers and helps develop their skills by pairing them with pro-female photographers. In the meantime, C4 Photo safaris are now running online masterclasses for our top students. The first class was on "Story Telling" and was presented by Shem Compion to 16 of our top photographers.



Rifumo Mathebula with Celebrate, Precious and Chef Freedom

Laptops for our future chefs.

WSO is sponsoring two graduates, Celebrate Nyathi and Precious Sithole, to study at the Motaung Hospitality College in Mpumalanga. They have been given laptops donated by two of our supporters. The laptops will assist our future chefs in accessing Level 5 of their qualifications. WSO is always grateful to receive used equipment, especially cameras and laptops, which are otherwise out of the financial reach of our students.

Outreach Statistics – We have to date delivered a total of **111 courses** with **946 graduates** of the program. We have WSO graduates working in lodges and with NGOs, studying in tertiary education, working as antipoaching rangers, and employed in the media industry.

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