

June 21st: World Humanist Day

Bercan, Paul, Sopiato, Jiang en Mabvuto shape their own lives, regardless of the government or other extrinsic powers. By doing so they emancipate themselves and others in their home country.

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Five short films highlight the lives of these strong individuals from all over the world. The films show us how these people put the humanist value of determining the direction of one's own life into practice.

You can help us spread these inspirational human stories across the globe by embedding the videos on your website, or by adding a link to the Youtube channel of the humanist broadcasting service HUMAN to your homepage:

<http://www.youtube.com/omroepHUMAN>



Jiang – Saving the planet! Mister Jiang from China cycles against the contamination of the environment by the Chinese government. He sold his restaurant, assembled a motorcycle in the shape of a globe in which he could eat, sleep and travel around China to spread awareness.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEnjTEITDLw>

Bercan – Politician to be Becan from Turkey is fifteen and already very politically active. He raises his voice for the Kurds in Turkey. He sees himself as a advocator of freedom, justice and equality and wants to improve Turkish society.



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3qFk-Iiy-o>



Paul Kabré – Photographer of 'crazy people' Paul Kabré from Burkina Faso takes pictures of 'crazy people' in the streets. Mentally ill people often roam the streets of Burkina Faso aimlessly and get very little help. Paul wants to make a change and in this short film he visits Monsieur Fulgence.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DV4t1tGBw6s>

Mabvuto Mwanza – Barefoot protest Mabvuto Mwanza from Zambia, protests against the government. Without food he walks from his village to the capital, where he



demands to meet the president. Why? He wants the government to make more scholarships available to Zambian youth.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPSVNVmdjC8>



Sopiato – Saying ‘No’ to genital mutilation Sopiato is from Kajiado, a Nairobi suburb in Kenya. But she does not live there anymore. She refused to be genitally mutilated and had to flee her village to prevent her mother from forcing her. Now she lives in a shelter village with other girls who stood up for themselves and refused to be genitally mutilated.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38la7agmJ4>

The contributions for this World Humanist Day have been made by correspondents of the VPRO television program [Metropolis TV](#).

[Hivos](#) is a Dutch NGO working from humanist values. Together with local organizations in developing countries, Hivos wants to contribute to a world of freedom, honesty and sustainability. Therein all civilians – women and men - have equal access to means and chances and they can shape their own futures.

[HUMAN](#) is a Dutch humanist broadcasting agency. Its radio- and television programs provide a humanist view of society and important political and cultural issues. Important values therein are: freedom, justice and social responsibility.

Hivos and HUMAN are members of the [Humanist Alliance](#), a network of 53 humanist organisations in the Netherlands.

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