

# SOUTH AFRICA FOUNDATION

This is to be set up in Durban, in the first instance, but not exclusively so, to build on and extend what has been achieved in the JGHS S.A. Project.

## **Aims:-**

To set up a lasting Foundation that will support the work of those working for good in SA and to bring about greater connectivity.

Empower young people from Scotland and SA to make a difference.

Provide a mechanism for people from both countries to share ideas, skills and attitudes which will enrich lives in both countries.

Share my skills, knowledge and experience in Education to improve the educational provision and leadership in Umlazi.

Create opportunities for alumni from JGHS, ZHS and DHS to pool their collective intelligences.

Facilitate skills acquisition for the unskilled.

Improve nutritional standards for learners.

Unlock Universities for the underprivileged.

There would be a number of key objectives at the start but, as always when working in a development country, there has to be room for change. Examples of the work I would see as immediate are as follows:-

1. To provide support for gap year students from JGHS who wish to undertake placements in Durban or Umlazi. This would include helping with issues such as accommodation and transport, especially in and out of Umlazi. I would be recruiting a group of Local providers and drivers. This would fulfil the twin purpose of supporting young people from here and providing much needed local employment in Umlazi.
2. To work with Edinburgh International City of Learning to achieve two goals.
  - A complimentary structure in S.A. linking University, Schools and City to mirror the work here in Scotland.
  - To improve opportunities for township students at S.A. Universities such as UCT and UKZN.
3. To work with former pupils from JGHS, Zwelibanzi and Dloko to link Alumni Organisations for the benefit of all three schools in terms of global citizenship.
4. To work with key former ZHS and DHS students such as Nathi Mbeli in Cape Town to further the aims of the project in South Africa working with Adnotes and Phumlani Nkontwana Foundation in Johannesburg.

5. To set up a training programme for Township Principals. There are no real Professional Development opportunities in areas such as change management, emotional literacy etc. Again working with PNF and SCCSA in Scotland.
6. To set up courses in Learning Skills, Learning Strategies, Brain Gym etc for Grade 11/12 matric students to positively advantage them in a system which currently disadvantages them.
7. Introducing the John Byrne Award to S.A.
8. To provide quality training opportunities for voluntary workers in the Township nurseries, Aids orphanages etc. There is a real skills deficit in these areas. These workers are also trapped in a poverty cycle because they have no qualifications.
9. To set up a skills exchange for adults from Scotland and adults from S.A. (esp Umlazi) for mutual reciprocal benefit.
10. To roll out an organic garden programme based on permaculture principles to link with the current SEED Programme in S.A. to try to improve nutrition in Township schools.

#### **How will this be achieved?**

1. Find Projects which need volunteers. More specifically for Jan/Feb. Create a database and train a local person to oversee.
2. Contact Universities (UCT and UKZN) with the intention of setting up with EICL reciprocal structures linked to Internationalation (see Nyerere Education Partnership paper).
- 3 & 4 Develop with Nathi Mbele a strong, active Alumni Association.
5. Link with PNF and KZN Education Dept to develop Leadership and Management Training for township schools.
6. Work directly with students in ZHS, DHS to develop thinking strategies (CoRt etc) and to introduce the John Byrne Award (SA).
7. TBA
8. See 1.
9. Investigate possibilities for the future.

## When will this be done?

