

NELSON MANDELA TOWNSHIP YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Nemato Change a Life - Highlights

Change a Life



Words cannot express our gratitude to our main funder the Mike Thomson Change a Life Trust, Ursula and her team and all the cyclists of the Change a Lifecycle Tours, for their ongoing support. You are changing so many lives!

robotics



We started building a robot dog. Building a robot in a township in a far corner of Africa, is that even possible? Why not? We try and keep trying till it works. That's how we succeed in life!

Wesley graduated



Congratulations to Wesley, who volunteered at Nemato Change a Life for his studies. He graduated at the Midlands State University in Zimbabwe.

Sino passed with distinctions at NMU

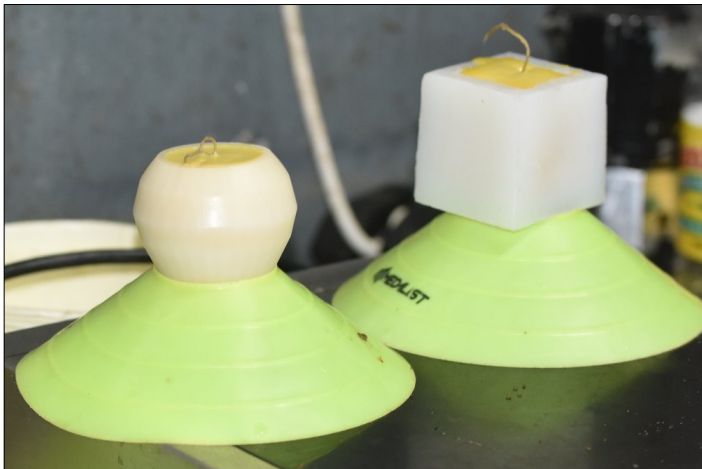


Sinoxolo passed her three years Diploma course in Tourism at the Nelson Mandela University. She is now finishing her studies with practicals at the Royal St Andrews Hotel.

SUCCESS IN LIFE - FOR YOUTH, BY YOUTH

Nemato Change a Life offers a 'cradle to career' youth empowerment programme for disadvantaged youth from the townships in Port Alfred: Nelson Mandela Township (Nemato), Thorn Hill and Station Hill. We give our youth the mindset, knowledge, skills and support to escape from poverty, for *success in life*

Enterprise Development



Considering the high levels of unemployment, our youth empowerment programme has limited impact, if there are no new jobs created at the same time.

We support members who start their own small businesses, like the beeswax candle production in the above picture, but not many people have the mindset to succeed in business.

As an alternative we want to encourage experienced business people to start social enterprises in Port Alfred: not for profit, but to solve social problems and create jobs.

Or to take it a step further: develop social businesses for us under Nemato Change a Life, which can help generate money to run our programmes and improve our long term financial sustainability.

For companies that need points for Black Economic Empowerment (BEE), investing in Enterprise Development is an interesting option, because it is tax deductible and offers valuable BEE points

Please contact us with ideas or help!

If you are keen to help with social enterprise initiatives, there is help available to help you help us. We have business and skills support from:

The Port Alfred based Sunshine Coats NGO Forum (www.sunshine.ngo) offers basic business skills training and business plan assistance.

Small local entrepreneurs offer assistance in, for example, skills in recycling, upcycling, herbs and veggie farming.

The Dutch Programma Uitzending Managers (PUM, www.pum.nl) has accepted us as a beneficiary of their business development advice programmes.

Have a great 2024



We wish everybody a great 2024!
Many thanks to all who supported us in 2023!

In the picture are our Christmas lights in our herbs garden.

Nemato in UNICEF magazine

Onele was invited to UNICEF workshops in Limpopo for their sports and environment programme. As a participating organisation we featured in the UNICEF magazine.



herb garden



We started harvesting in our herbs garden. These are basil flowers used in relaxing herbal tea. You can buy it at Jo's Shop opposite the Mypond Hotel in Port Alfred. In the picture below we are building the wire cover for plants to grow and give us shade and cover.



workshop

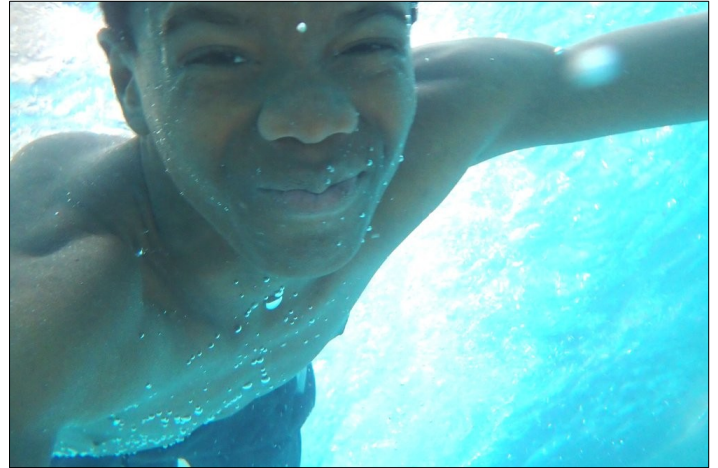


We didn't make the frames for our new workshop strong enough so the building process came to a halt. In the holiday we started again, redoing all the frames. It's a long and slow process of trying, but the frames are getting really strong now, and once it's done, the building will last forever.

water safety



Port Alfred is at the mouth of the beautiful Kowie River and the Indian Ocean. Water safety is a big issue. Many thanks to the National Sea Rescue Institute (NSRI) for training water safety instructors at the shallow Kiddies Beach lagoon and to the Royal St Andrews Hotel Amanzi Challenge swimming lessons at the swimming pool.



computer photography



We like playing with technology. Here we linked our camera to a self-assembled computer. The computer screen became the camera screen. Can you see the photographer reflected in the computer window and also vaguely in the screen on the left, with the green face-recognition square?

community service



Our office is not only for members, it's open to the community. Every day people come here for CVs, checking on the R350 grants, printing, homework, internet research and more.

fencing in Cape Town



Our fencers went to a national ranking competition in Cape Town. Our highest ranking fencer is Emihle at number 12 in the country in the under 17 age group.

These far trips are not only about sport, but also the experience of travelling beyond Port Alfred: We visited the V&A Waterfront and a snake park and our gymnasts at the Zip Zap Circus School let us experience their training.



black mamba



Our snake rescuer Manase went to a snake handling course in Gauteng. He was handling the most dangerous snakes in South Africa including this black mamba.

online courses



At our daily Career Hour Amalinda is doing online courses to strengthen her CV. Here she is doing a Supply Chain Logistics course.

Telkom IT grant



Telkom has extended their IT grant to Nemato Change a Life to train Sipiwo in all aspects of the administration of Nemato Change a Life. Here he is assembling a new computer, bought with the Telkom grant.

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