

NELSON MANDELA TOWNSHIP YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Nemato Change a Life

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 help our youth to get the mindset, knowledge, skills and support to escape from poverty: *success in life – for youth, by youth.*

music director



How a keyboard at our centre changed a life. Lihle is now the music director of the Port Alfred Gospel Festival. He taught himself how to play keyboard at our centre and used the same keyboard at the festival.

trailer



With the help of donations, we were able to have this trailer built. It helps us, for example, to transport luggage to retreats, and it also supports members in growing their businesses, like recycling, gardening, and chainsaw services.

cab services



At Nemato Change a Life, we don't employ people, we help them build their own future. We don't pay our driver. We gave him a loan to buy a car so he could start his own business offering cab services.

success in life video



Our main funder, the Change a Life Trust, made this video to show the impact of our organisation. You can [click](#) or scan the QR code to watch it and hear success-in-life stories of our members.

Liyema in France



Liyema is travelling in France for a few months. He is performing with the Zip Zap Circus and entertaining big crowds with an African story told through dance and acrobatics.

Mkhululi aircraft mechanic



Our former fencer, Mkhululi, passed his trade test at 43 Air School in Port Alfred. He is now a certified Aircraft Maintenance Mechanic.

Sipiwo's bookkeeping certificates



Sipiwo does the IT and admin at Nemato Change a Life. He has now passed the advanced bookkeeping course, which helps prepare him to start his own IT and admin business.

True Colours Township Experience



Building a business is not easy, but with support miracles are possible. Onele is building his *True Colours Township Experience* tourism business and the support he gets is making all the difference.

Stenden University has committed to long term support. Students can use his business as a study project. In the last term of 2025, students made a video about his business. In the next round we hope students will help Onele to build an online booking system.

The Royal St Andrews Hotel helped him produce this flyer that is now available at the local hotels and the tourism information office. You can [download](#) the flyer.

Onele's mission is much more than making money for a living. In his tours you are not watching our community, but meeting. It's bringing people and cultures together. That's not only a life changing experience for the visitors but also for our community. Onele's vision is that this exchange will help to make our world a better place and help to inspire our community to change their lives for the better.



skills



During holidays and weekends, we spend time learning new skills. This can be anything from coding to photography. Skills are very important. Whether you run a business or have a job, it is never just about doing one thing. New challenges come all the time, and they need many different skills that you do not learn at school.

Sometimes people from outside come to teach us. If you are around, please join us and make a difference.



Most of the time, members teach other members. Thulani Ngogela, who earns money by making and repairing clothes, teaches members how to use a sewing machine. Thulani Magongo, who learned many technical skills at Nemato, now has a technical job at Herotel and teaches members welding. Members also learn basic carpentry by building our own tables, benches and this sink.



painting



The final work on our new self-built room. Learning by doing. It took a long time, but it is now finished. We use the room for our numeracy class and as a playroom for the younger members.

handball tournament



It is not always easy to find tournaments for our handball team, but the girls were lucky during the holiday: a tournament in Cape Town!

holiday



We are lucky to live close to the ocean and some of the most beautiful beaches and dunes in the world. The Christmas holiday was a time for fun at the beach.

**Now the new year has started:
We wish you all a great 2026!**

Nemato Change a Life members offer many products and services.
Support our members by buying from their businesses, it is the best help you can give!

Chainsaw services

Professional tree felling and bush clearing with an eco-friendly solar-powered chainsaw.
Contact Phelo 064 094 8153

Grass cutting

Keep your lawn looking its best with our efficient grass cutting services.
Contact Thembani 071 909 0339

High pressure cleaning

Restore the shine! Professional high-pressure cleaning for roofs, wall, floor, agricultural equipment, trucks and cars.
Contact Athenkosi 063 925 0802 or Aphiwe 069 827 0375

Car wash

Give your car the sparkle it deserves! Convenient cash wash services available at 375 Runeli Drive.
Contact Athenkosi 063 925 0802 or Aphiwe 069 827 0375

Welding

For all your welding jobs. Strong welds that last!
Contact Thulani 078 578 2034

Phone repair

Cracked Screen? Battery issues? Get your cellphone repaired quickly and reliably.
Contact Manase 063 057 4360



Snake rescue

Caring about you and the snake. Licenced snake removal for your peace of mind. (deadly puff adder in picture)
Contact Manase 063 057 4360

Photography

Capture life's precious moments! Professional photography for your events and family photos.
Contact Agcobile 076 093 2435, Sipiwo 063 934 3904 or Mike 079 061 4667

Handmade candles

Beautiful beeswax and recycled candles. Purchase our unique creations or recycle your old candles with us at the Market Traders Store in Port Alfred.
Contact Asonle 073 079 2165

Recycling services

Join us in protecting the environment! We recycle glass, PET bottles, and aluminium tins. Drop off at Nemato Change a Life or Market Traders Store.
Contact Phelo 071 072 8749 or Soyisa 071 246 1579

Live keyboard music

Elevate your event with soulful live keyboard music for church, events and festivals.
Contact Lihle 078 832 5020

Professional DJ services

Get your music right! Our DJ services ensure the perfect soundtrack at your parties and events.
Contact Lihle 078 832 5020

Sewing machine & clothing repairs

Clothing in need of a fix? We offer reliable sewing services and clothing repair services.
Contact Thulani 083 886 3490

IT & admin solutions

Comprehensive support for your business: computer maintenance, administrative services, bookkeeping and social media management.
Contact Sipiwo 063 934 3904

True Colours Township Experience

Discover the heart of our community! Engaging township walks for an authentic experience.
Contact Onele 066 111 9480

Cab services

Call our driver for transport in Port Alfred and out of town trips. Take a ride in his comfy VW Polo with free wifi.
Contact Eustice 078 218 1161

Professional document & application services

Boost your career, academic success and events! Fast and accurate typing. Attractive and custom designs for your events.
Your words, our expertise - professional design and writing services
Contact Sino 073 734 4805

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