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PROGRESS REPORT

In our previous newsletter we reported on a double celebration held in April – the sod-turning for phase 1 of the Denis Goldberg House of Hope and the 40th anniversary of the Hout Bay Museum. The sod-turning marked the fact that we had raised the R3 million needed for construction. (Grateful thanks to all those who helped us reach this milestone!) Now we must just wait for the last steps in the formal processes to be completed, and then we can start construction proper.

We hope to have phase 1 completed in early 2020. We will then have in place a gallery to house the exhibition on Denis's life and his art collection; a small office; an activity room; toilets; and a covered entrance and walkway with seats where young people can spend time together. This will allow us and other organisations to expand on the activities available for young people in Hout Bay. And the Denis Goldberg House of Hope will have a visible "concrete" presence!

Meanwhile we are fundraising for phase 2 of the construction. We plan to do this in three sub-phases so that we can start building each phase as soon as we have the necessary funds. This will allow us to increase the number and range of activities for young people more speedily. It will also create space for others – including youth themselves – to join us in expanding opportunities for youth.

- Phase 2a consists of a double-storey row of activity rooms which we and other organisations will use for activities for young people – and which young people themselves can use for their own activities.
- Phase 2b is a second double-storey row of activity rooms, parallel to the first, but at some distance.

- Phase 2c will create an auditorium by placing a roof across the two rows of activity rooms.

Jo Noero will continue to work his magic as our architect throughout Phase 2.

We hope that everyone will continue to support us as we take this work forward. In addition to all-important financial contributions, we would be happy to hear from you about other ways in which we can collaborate. Together we can make Life even more Wonderful!



By Noero Architects

NEW TRUSTEES AS WE GEAR UP FOR MORE ACTIVITIES

In May, the Trustees of the Denis Goldberg Legacy Foundation Trust accepted the resignation of Dr Deidre Abrahams – one of the five founding trustees. Thanks are due to Deidre for her contribution to getting us where we are now.

Several months later we welcome two new trustees. They will bring new and important skills and experience to those we already have in our legal guru chairperson, [Andre \(Qoosthuizen\)](#); financial guru treasurer, David (Goldberg); architect [Jo \(Noero\)](#) and Denis himself. The existing trustees between them had knowledge and experience which was much needed in our setting-up stage. The new trustees are well placed to guide us as we move increasingly into implementation.

Shado Twala and Mike van Graan will need no introduction to many of our newsletter readers. But for those who have not had the good fortune to come across them yet, here is

a brief introduction.

Shado is a radio DJ, journalist, radio and TV producer, and businessperson. She grew up in Cape Town, but started her career in radio at Bop Radio in the 1980s. Subsequently she worked for many other radio stations, wrote for the Sunday Times and other publications, and had a stint in government as Media Liaison and Public Relations Officer for the Western Cape Premier among others. Her voice has been used in a range of documentaries, including several focused on Denis and other stalwarts associated with the Rivonia Trial.

Shado now manages her own entertainment business, Black Olive Entertainment. But she also continues to work on radio. You can listen to Shado every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 1 pm in her show, [*The World Stage*](#).

[Mike](#) has a BA Honours Degree in Drama from the University of Cape Town. His career spans stints within academic institutions, local and international organisations, and international quasi-governmental agencies. His work within civil society goes back many decades. It includes acting as Director of the Community Arts Project in Salt River, Projects Officer for the Congress of South African Writers and General Secretary of the National Arts Coalition during the apartheid era. On the basis of his contribution, in 1994 Mike was appointed as a Special Adviser to the first Minister of Arts & Culture in a democratic South Africa.

Today Mike is probably best known as a playwright, and has won multiple local and international awards for plays that explore South Africa in the post-apartheid era. Throughout his adult life, Mike has supported the community-based arts and culture initiatives in multiple different ways. The Denis Goldberg House of Hope is the most recent such initiative to benefit from his attention.

A HOLIDAY PROGRAMME, AN OUTING, AND A MOVIE

While waiting for our own building to be in place, we have not been idle. We have organised a range of different activities for children and youth, both during term-time and in holidays. As one example, in the last week of the mid-year school holidays, about 25 9-13 year olds from Imizamo Yethu and Hangberg participated in our holiday programme.

Snoekies very kindly allowed us to use their hall once again. They also provided the much-loved fish and chips lunches at cost. As usual, there were no left-overs to be seen on any of the plates for either first or second helpings!

Denis joined for the first few sessions. As we have done in previous workshops, each child was given a brown paper bag to decorate and use to store all items they made during the programme. Denis demonstrated his artistic talents by decorating his bag with a self-portrait and his name on one side and a flower on the other side.



Denis's self portrait on his own paper bag

In the two days spent at Snoekies, the children made packs of playing cards (and then taught each other card games); learnt how to make "pop-out" greeting cards and envelopes; made collages; had daily hip-hop sessions with our old friend, Chad van Rooyen; and played old favourite and some new games.

On the Thursday everyone boarded a minibus for a day at the Zeitz MOCAA museum. Many of the children did so wearing the bright warm knitted scarves that they had received at the end of the previous day. These came from the 67+ Mandela Day gifts knitted and donated by Stepping Stones day care in Oranjezicht.

Zeitz's programme educator arranged for local artist, Loyiso Mkize, to facilitate the morning session for the children. Mkize is the creator of *Kwezi*, South Africa's first home-grown superhero comic book. The session started with a discussion on superheroes, followed by a demonstration by Mkize – with inputs from the children – how he would draw Batman, and then how he would draw a house according to their specifications. The house included a smoking chimney, a garage, a swimming pool, and a duck!

The children then produced their own drawings with the paper and pencils provided.

After chicken mayonnaise rolls, Nik-naks and Oros for lunch, another artist showed the children the artworks produced by her and other young emerging artists. The group then went into the museum proper to see Mkize's enormous superhero mural on display, and then went up onto the roof. Finally, they boarded the bus back to Hout Bay with farewell lollipops in hand and/or mouth.

Finally, on the Friday morning we screened a movie at the Hout Bay museum, with the event open to all local children.

In addition to Snoekies, Chad, and the Zeitz MOCAA team, special thanks are due to volunteers Fiona Hutcheon, Melissa McLaren, Noma Matiwane and Kim Rutgers, and to our visitors from the UK, Solange Urdang and Michelle Marshall, who video-ed parts of the programme.

WATCH THIS SPACE for further activities....



June holiday programme

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