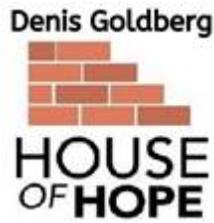


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WE ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR BUSINESS – AND FUN!

On 9 April 2022, approximately 200 people attended the official opening of the Denis Goldberg House of Hope (DGHOH). The date was especially auspicious because Denis married his first wife, Esme, on the same date in 1954. Further,

two days later would have been his 89th birthday.

Denis's son, David, and his grandson, Jack, travelled from the UK to attend the opening. They used the occasion to scatter Denis's ashes in the memorial garden in the DGHOH grounds. Other guests included several of Denis's comrades whom he had trained in the first Mkhonto we Sizwe training camp in the country, held in Mamre in December 1962.

At the other end of the age spectrum, the guests included two groups of Hout Bay children. The first group performed on the xylofuns which they recently started learning to play. The second group showed off what they had learnt in our regular Saturday hip-hop classes. Pedro Espi-Sanchis, who introduced us to xylofuns and many other musical wonders, entertained participants before the formal proceedings began. He also led us all in singing the national anthem through colourful kazoos at the end of the programme.

Participant: "When I saw the children playing the xylofuns and dancing, I at last fully understood Denis's vision."



Between these two ends of the spectrum, the "mixed masala" of participants included beneficiaries' parents, school principals and teachers, provincial officials, other comrades and friends of Denis of all ages, donors, and other people who have helped us reach this far in ways too numerous to mention.

Besides the children's performance, the programme included a plate of delicious akhni made by Chicktays, and short speeches by Andre Oosthuizen, our chairperson; Jonty Dreyer, director of the Hout Bay Museum; Guy Redman, head of department of the provincial Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport;

Jo Noero, trustee and architect of the building; local singer and teacher, Zine Gwija; Neo Moathlodi, mother to several of our child beneficiaries, and Denis's co-resident of his home at 12 Neptune Street; and David Goldberg. Jack Goldberg was the master of ceremonies.

If you missed the opening or would like to relive it, you can watch the proceedings [here](#), thanks to the skill of our videographer, Grant Atkinson.

As reported in previous newsletters, we had been offering activities for children and youth for some time even before we had the DGHOH. With the building now fully operational and officially open, the number of activities we can host is expanding. Our newest additions to the "menu" are circus classes, group music classes, and monthly movies. We will tell you more about the activities in our next newsletter.

BASIC COMPUTER COURSES

Computer science was among the many subjects that Denis studied during his 22 years in prison, in a period when personal computers were relatively new. More than a decade later, in 1997, Denis was one of the founders of Computer Aid International in the UK, and he later became the organisation's patron.

In 2019 we were lucky enough to receive a batch of refurbished laptops from the organisation. We loaned the laptops to Cape Town's branch of ICDL – the "International Computer Driving License" – until we had our own space in which we could use the laptops. We have now reclaimed and are using the laptops for our own work.

In March 2022 we used some of these laptops together with others loaned by SHAWCO to hold the first ICDL basic computer course. We had 23 participants, and many more on the waiting list, so we ran a further course this month – with yet more people on our waiting list.

SHAWCO is our partner on this initiative. They are currently providing the facilitators for the course, but are also mentoring us so that we can facilitate it ourselves in the future. We are well placed to do so as Kaylee Farmer, one of the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers seconded to us by the Hout Bay Museum, was the top performing student in the first course.



SHARING OUR SPACE

One of Denis's motivations for establishing the DGHOH was to provide much-needed space for organisations and groups in Hout Bay to host their activities.

In our last newsletter we reported that the Western Cape Department of Health was using the smaller activity room of the DGHOH for COVID vaccinations on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, with patients waiting in the foyer or passing the time by engaging with our two exhibitions. This arrangement has continued although some other vaccination centres have been closed.

Meanwhile several other organisations have made use of our space. For example, the Hout Bay United Football Community (HBUFC) held both its "kick-off" meetings with parents in our gallery, and the Ruyterplaats Estate used it for their Annual General Meeting.

We look forward to assisting other organisations and groups that need a welcoming and beautiful space for their activities. If you would like to do so, please contact Lavinia at dglfrust@gmail.com or on 061-8855430. And we can set up the space to suit your specific needs.



Welcome Aviwe Dulani

At the end of March we said farewell to Zanele Macholisa, our 2021/22 seconded EPWP worker. Zanele left us for a similar, but non-EPWP job, in a Cape Town NGO. This is an example of EPWP working as planned in getting people started in their work life. This month we were very pleased to welcome a new EPWP worker, Aviwe Dulani. Aviwe is a trained dancer, and we plan to take advantage of that when planning new activities.





Highlights from our April holiday programme which included an outing to Kirstenbosch Gardens

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