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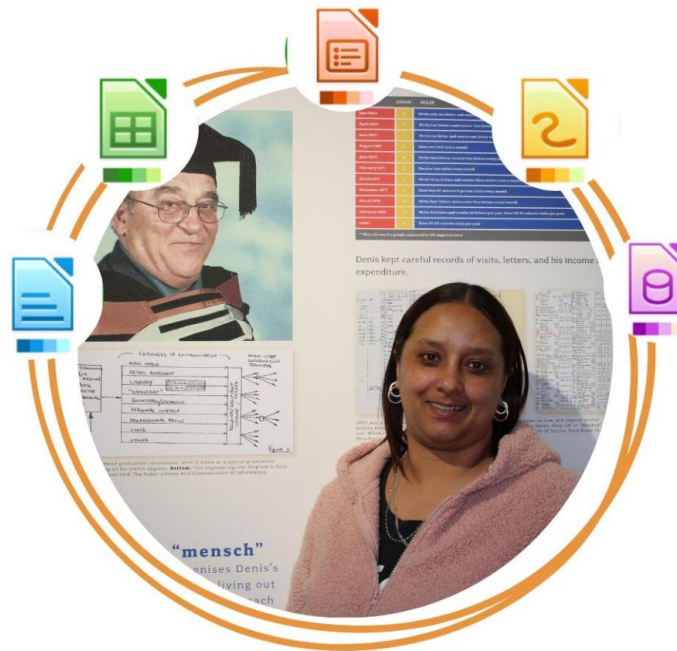
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COMPUTING WITH KAYLEE

Our latest new activity is **Friday's basic computer sessions**. The four-week course was designed and is facilitated by one of our EPWP staff members, Kaylee Farmer. The structure of the course is based on that of the International Computer Driving License (ICDL) digital skills computer course. However, our course teaches participants how to use LibreOffice's Writer, Calc and Impress programs rather than Microsoft's Word, Excel and Powerpoint.

We chose to use the free and open-source LibreOffice software so that participating youth who are fortunate enough to get access to a computer can install and use the suite at no cost. We are also trying to use LibreOffice for much of our own work.

Most of the first group doing the computer course also participate in our Movement with Liam sessions on a Friday afternoon. So after exercising their brains and fingers on the computer, they do the same for the rest of their body.



CODING WITH ZAHRA



During the July school holidays, the University of Cape Town's Extra-Mural Studies (EMS) partnered with us on a **five-day coding course** for high school learners. EMS's Zuleiga Adams recruited computer science honours graduate Zahra Mohamed to design the course and teach it. We recruited learners from the two local public secondary schools with the assistance of the principals.

Two of our own staff members, Kaylee and Sivuyile, joined the learners on the course, as did an intern, Chris Manuel, whom we were hosting from Camps Bay High.

Zahra was a wonderful teacher. As one of the learners noted: "Zarah, she's a good teacher and she makes sure you understand what she's teaching. She is the best!"

The first day's session focused on background and theory and included very little practical work. At the end of the session, many of the learners looked a bit overwhelmed. The second day's practical work helped them understand why Zahra was so enthusiastic about coding and its possibilities. By the end of the fifth session, they were proud of, and excited about, their new skill and understanding.

We hope to be able to run further such courses. We have also invited those who completed the course to book time to practise and expand the skills on the DGHOH.

DRAMA WITH JUNGLE THEATRE

In the second school term of this year we started our first weekly drama sessions in partnership with Jungle Theatre. The principals of Disa Primary and Sentinel Primary assisted us in recruiting children from their Grades 6 and 7, and Heather Geilink facilitates what Jungle Theatre refers to as a creative arts club.

The children love the programme, as evidenced in the regular attendance and their enthusiasm during sessions. Each week the activities differ, spanning improvisation exercises, story-telling and more. The children's interest is heightened by the fact that Jungle Theatre utilises African materials and topics that deal with issues relevant to their lives and experience. The sessions also utilise all three official provincial languages – isiXhosa, Afrikaans and English.

On Heritage Day in September, participants will have an outing to Muizenberg to watch the Jungle Theatre performance for the African Folktale Festival. The Hout Bay children have already started working towards their own performance, which will be their contribution to a concert in November in which each of Jungle Theatre's creative arts clubs will perform.





DENIS GOLDBERG HOUSE OF HOPE RUGBY 7s – IN THE UK



Saturday 15 July was the day of the second Denis Goldberg House of Hope Rugby 7s. This event is organised by Denis's grandson, Jack, who works as a physical education teacher at Mill Hill School in London – and who seems to spend much of the rest of his life playing, coaching and watching various sports.

We are not complaining about this at all. Jack is a great organiser, and this year's Rugby 7s was even more successful than last year, despite some rain on the day.

A few numbers give a sense of the energy and enthusiasm that Jack and others put into this year's event: 25 teams participated (as against 15 in 2022), and there were 350 rugby players, 58 fixtures, and eight referees.

In 2023 the Eggchaser Lionesses were the winning women's team, while the Eggchaser Lions won the Men's Open Cup. Last year's Open Cup winners, SA Wild Dogs, won the Men's Open Plate this year.

Last year the event raised R23 335 for us. We will receive even more this year given the increased size of the competition. Jack supplemented the fundraising effort by wearing a t-shirt with the DGHOH Gofundme QR code on his back! There were also additional contributions from players, from Jack's fellow cricket players, and from Mark Scrace of Quality and Excellence who provided the barbecue at the event.

DENIS GOLDBERG HOUSE OF HOPE IS ON THE MAP



You can now find the Denis Goldberg House of Hope when you use GoogleMaps (or Uber, or Waze). And our presence on the general tourism scene is steadily growing.

In the months before the worst of winter, we had a steady trickle of visitors, many of them visitors from overseas who had heard about the DGHOH or chanced upon it.

We have also hosted larger groups who have organised their visits to us in advance so that we can design an appropriate experience for them. In addition to various architect groupings who come to see the lovely space that Jo Noero and his colleagues created for us, recent visiting groups have included:

- a women's hockey team from Vanderbilt University in the US
- rugby players from Mill Hill School in the UK
- tourism teachers and principals from schools in Cape Town
- Hout Bay International School's Grade 6 class.

On Mandela Day, which coincided with the first day of the third school term, we designed a special session for the children's drama group. The session included engaging with, and doing a quiz competition on, the exhibition on Denis's life. The Hout Bay Museum hosted beneficiaries of local NGO James House, and the James House children also participated in some of our activities. We were pleased to welcome the Director of Museums of the Western Cape Department of Cultural Affairs and Sports (DCAS) and some of his fellow managers who joined us for the occasion.

DO YOU WANT TO USE OUR BEAUTIFUL SPACE?

During school term time we use our gallery space every afternoon Monday to Friday for after-school activities, and we have hip-hop classes every Saturday morning. But the very versatile gallery space is available for hire at other times, whether in the mornings or over lunch time, in the evenings, or on Saturday afternoon or Sunday. You can also hire the smaller round activity space, which is ideal for meetings, discussion groups and the like. Especially important at this point in time, we have solar panels, an inverter and a battery, so loadshedding is generally not a problem.

Please contact us on dglftrust@gmail.com or 061-8855430 to make a booking or find out more.



APOLOGIES FOR GOFUNDME ERROR

We recently became aware that the Gofundme link in our previous newsletter no longer worked because we had to create a new campaign after Gofundme made changes in how their system operates. We apologise for this and ask that you please use the link near the end of this newsletter.

Please do let us know, in future, if you experience problems with any of the links in our newsletter or on our website.

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