

EDUCATION AFRICA

New Year Newsletter 2009

Education Africa

Established in 1992 Education Africa strives to reach and uplift the poorest of the poor children of South Africa.

Helping to ensure that they become fully competitive and a productive force in the local economy, and truly global citizens.'

The aim:

To make it possible for disadvantaged children to obtain a quality, relevant education.'



transforming lives with your help



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Anina van der Walt working with learners in South Africa



Masibambane College new computer centre

Welcome to the Education Africa newsletter for January 2009. This last year has seen many significant achievements in the advancement of our projects, largely thanks to the continued generosity of our donors and international supporters. The team in South Africa have been able to move rapidly ahead on many projects in 2008 thanks to funds raised in the UK. New school facilities, further teacher training, specialist staff recruitment, another successful year with The South African Model UN debating programme and still more developments are planned for 2009.

Education Africa finishes new improved facilities at Masibambane College.

Education Africa has, with its partners on the board of Masibambane School, completed the latest in a series of new and improved education facilities at the Orange Farm township school - Johannesburg. With new computer rooms, domestic science classrooms and community outreach centre gates and entrance signage, the needs of children and the community are being met with quality education and opportunities for learning and development,

Education Africa recruits a new Early Childhood Development specialist. Anina Van der Walt brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the schools assisted by Education Africa. Working with teachers, parents and children her role helps to maintain and advance education levels in situations where teachers and staff need to explore new areas of role development' - ultimately

benefiting the teacher and the learner.

The **South African Model UN debating programme - (run by Education Africa)** - national finals were held in Cape Town last October. After some exciting regional debating the national finals produced the team to represent South Africa at the international finals in New York. The South African team will be heading to New York in April accompanied by Education Africa to the Cornell Model UN centre, where they will compete against teams from all over the world. They will also visit the United Nations Headquarters in New York. We wish them the very best of luck. As part of Education Africa's international schools twinning programme, City of London School and St. George's School team were also awarded with additional merit in debating.

Masibambane College marimba band to perform in Vienna. The hugely talented marimba band have been sponsored by the City of Vienna, Graham Beck Foundation, Austrian Trade Commission

Emirates, VIER PFOTEN, EMS, and Mondi amongst others, to perform a number of concerts in the city. The City of Vienna has a long standing relationship with Masibambane through funding and Education Africa. Their continued support and generosity help us make real change happen.

Additional projects have come on tremendously - Our first UK University to participate in the **Social Architecture** programme - Nottingham University will be starting their build in March this year in Jouberton - Klerksdorp . **Edu-bike Africa** has reached further into the communities with another 27,000 children being reached with materials through training workshops for teachers. Many more disadvantaged and gifted children have benefited from our **Sisulu Scholarships**. The existing Social Architecture Pre-school facilities have also seen repairs, in some cases expansion and tree planting as part of a wider Education Africa project.

2009 promises to be an exciting year and we look forward to sharing it with you.



MAKE A FACE transform a life

The Education Africa event committee in the UK - supporting Education Africa and their projects in South Africa are pleased to announce their 2009 fundraising campaign 'Make a Face'. Now in full swing celebrities have been chosen to paint blank masks to be auctioned on March 31st at our 2009 Gala Dinner in London at the May Fair Hotel. The money raised will go towards Education Africa and its projects in Africa. To date, the following people have very kindly agreed to 'Make a Face' and transform a life :

Prince Harry, Sir Bob Geldof, Sir Elton John, David Furnish, Lewis Hamilton, Lily Cole, Sophie Ellis Bextor, Sir Michael Caine, Jude Law, Simon Cowell, Sir Philip Green, Sir Stuart



Rose, Sir David Tang, James Caan, Duncan Bannatyne, Peter Jones,



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Rankin, Amanda Holden, Annie Lennox, Sting, Trudie Styler, Piers Morgan, Robbie Williams, Tiger Woods, Sergio Garcia, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Trevor Immelman, Gary Player, Tim Henman, Andy Murray, Bjorn Borg, Chris Evert, Gavin Hastings, Gareth Edwards, Brian O'Driscoll, Jason Robinson, The British Lions and Springbok teams, Lord Coe, Andre Agassi, Stefi Graf, Mel B, Paris Hilton, Terry Gilliam and Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu.

With our amazing line of 'Faces' we are excited to let you know that the masks will be on our website soon and will also be available for bids on Ebay for Charity.

Our grand auction will take place at the Education Africa Gala Dinner to be held on March 31st at the May Fair Hotel. For more information please visit:

www.educationafrica.org

Education Africa with your help made real change happen in 2008

help us do more in 2009

We pay tribute to our friend and supporter Dame Helen Suzman



James Urdang - Founder of Education Africa sums up his and the charity's relationship with Helen:

"I have personally known Helen from the mid 80's. She always had an open door policy with myself and Education Africa and we could call on her at any time. I always like the way she summed up Education Africa in our brochure "They (Education Africa) take on things that other people do not do. I think they are doing a very good job indeed".

Education Africa are truly grateful for all her support over the years and are left inspired by the legacy of Helen and her tireless commitment to freedom, justice and equality for all.

"Helen was just a very special person not only to Education Africa but to South Africa as a whole." - James Urdang

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