



The Gr. 10's show off the new Vision AfriKa T-Shirts

The NEW Vision AfriKa Centre

In a community of overcrowding space is always a luxury. Our learners have indicated more than once that there is a constant need for more space to study and to do academic group work. Now those who might have visited our offices in the past will recall the "sardine-can effect" where our study and computer area were always packed beyond capacity. After negotiations with our partner and landlord the Greater Stellenbosch Development Trust, they offered us the exclusive use of larger portions of their building. There is also now a dedicated computer centre which is set to become an important part of the academic support offered to the youth.



Grade 10

In Gr.10, the focus is on life skills and personal development. Highlights of the programme include topics such as HIV, relationships, and goal setting.



Bernie Treptow
Gr. 10 Coordinator

Gr. 10 2012

33 new Vision K's and 29 new Vision V's have been selected as the new Gr. 10 groups of 2012! They have already shown that they have what it takes through the challenging selection process. Vision AfriKa is very excited to see these youngsters will taking responsibility for their dreams!



Gr. 10 Update



2011 has been a year of growth and learning for both Vision V and Vision K. Both programmes have had a full and successful year.

The Vision K's have been very diligent and taking part in all the different areas that the programme has to offer. There is a great sense of unity as all the learners are not only taking ownership of their own lives but are also ensuring that the entire group stays involved. The sessions and outings were fun, entertaining and educational. Watching 30 young enthusiastic learners grow in a year is the greatest joy that facilitators can experience. The Vision K grade 10's will have great momentum in the beginning of next year as they are already speaking about what they expect for next year.

The Vision V programme has been running for two year and already we have seen vast improvements. The learners are more focused and want to reach their dreams. The programme has been tailored to suit the needs of the learners. The year has been full of surprises and next year already seems too far away.

Vision AfriKa Gr. 9 Programme Coming Soon!

The Programme

Vision AfriKa is proud to announce that as of 2012, there will also be a Gr. 9 programme at the Kayamandi branch! The Gr. 9 programme will focus on personal development and goal setting. What differentiates this programme from the Gr. 10 – 12 programmes is that the Gr. 9's will come to the Vision AfriKa centre every weekday afternoon to do homework, work in the computer centre and receive academic tutoring.

New Gr. 9 Coordinator



Zukisa Xegwana is Vision AfriKa's new Gr. 9 Coordinator. Zukisa lives in Kayamandi and loves working with young people. He has a wealth of experience in youth development work, and is excited to share his skills with the youth. Welcome to the team!

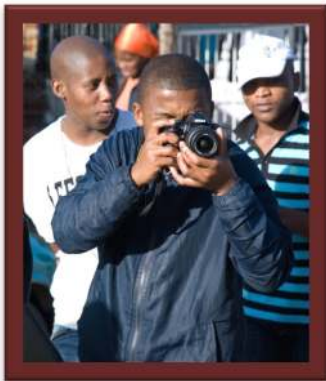
Grade 11

The Gr.11's learn about themselves in the context of their community. They also do volunteering work, meet with community leaders, and find ways to make changes in their own lives.



Magdelien Spies
Gr. 11 Coordinator

The Vision AfriKa Photography Exhibition



Vision AfriKa hosted a photography exhibition in partnership with the Stellenbosch Academy of Photography and Design. Vision AfriKa Gr. 11's and the 1st year students of the Academy spent three afternoons photographing Kayamandi, with the purpose of documenting "Living and Learning in Kayamandi". For the Gr. 11's, this was an opportunity to learn about the art of photography, but also to view living and learning in their community through a new lens. They decided to use the photography exhibition as a way to advocate the importance of improving education in Kayamandi.

Gr. 11 Update

The Gr. 11 year tested the leadership and responsibility of the Gr. 11's. They designed and planned their own community project which aims to improve education in Kayamandi. The Gr.11's passion for education also filtered through in the Vision AfriKa photography exhibition which was themed "Living and Learning in Kayamandi". Furthermore, every Gr. 11 member volunteered at other community organisations for one afternoon per week for the entire year. This not only showed that they are dedicated, but gave them exposure to community work in other organisations. Finally, the year concluded with the first Gr. 11 Vision AfriKa camp held at Karmel in Franschhoek; a weekend to remember!

Gr. 11 Camp



The Vision K and Vision V Gr.11's went on a camp on the 14th to 16th of October at the Karmel camping site near Franschhoek. It was a lot of fun, but also exhausting! The theme of the camp was "Truths, Lies and Assumptions", with the purpose of discovering the truths, lies, and assumptions that might prevent one from reaching one's dreams. The camp was jam-packed with learning sessions, an amazing race, an obstacle course, swimming, hiking and playing soccer. The camp also served to deepen relationships between the youth, between Vision V and Vision K, and between the facilitators and the youth. A touching moment occurred the Sunday before the Vision K and Vision V departed. The youth picked up rocks that symbolised obstacles, and wrote down the obstacles that are preventing them from realizing their potential. Singing the national anthem, each person stepped forward to throw their rock into the river, symbolising the intention to overcome obstacles with the help of Vision AfriKa.



Grade 12

Gr. 12 is the time when all the hard work of the previous 11 years of school must be shown. At Vision AfriKa, the Gr. 12 programme is mostly focussed on academics in order to support the Gr. 12's through this challenging year.



Mlandeli Dingile
Gr. 12 Coordinator

Gr. 12 Update

The Gr. 12's are currently writing their matric exams. They are very dedicated, and are studying at the Vision AfriKa centre every afternoon. After the exams, the Gr. 12's must write the National Benchmark Tests which are required for acceptance at tertiary institutions. Best wishes for all the grade 12s- we believe in you!

The application process for tertiary study is now complete and all the Gr. 12's have applied at some institution. Some have received their results. Despite one or two disappointments, there are a number of Gr. 12's who have already been provisionally accepted at various tertiary institutions. Nomonde Gxagxisa, for example, is accepted at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology to study ND: Environmental Health in 2012. Some of the X-Vision K's have also re-applied for tertiary study through Vision AfriKa. We are proud of them for trying again.

After the exams, the Gr. 12's will go on an outing to Robben Island as a fitting end... and beginning of something new in their lives.



The Vision AfriKa team GROWS!

Neil Fortuin is the new Vision V coordinator. He lives in Vlotenburg and has a passion for Vlotenburg's youth. He loves sports such as rugby or soccer. He is a big dreamer and has big dreams for Vision V!

Vision X



Many of the Ex Vision AfriKa members (Vision X's) are coming back to Vision AfriKa to share their success or to receive additional support. Ntombizanele Sikhonyana and Phathuxolo volunteer and serve on the Management Committee while Nwabisa Madikane, Thembisile Mtintsilana and Zolani Siphamba are now volunteer facilitators at Vision AfriKa as a way to 'give back' to the organisation and community. This is very exciting for Vision AfriKa!

Vision AfriKa Internship Programme 2012

Vision AfriKa is launching an internship programme in 2012. The purpose of the programme is to increase capacity and promote local ownership of Vision AfriKa through on-the-job training for four interns over a period of one year. The training will include organisational skills, youth-development theory and experience, and facilitation skills. Vision AfriKa will be enriched by the indigenous knowledge brought to the table by the interns, ensuring that programmes remain relevant and culturally appropriate.

Contact and Support

Vision AfriKa relies on the support and encouragement of volunteers and sponsors. Thank you to everyone who is helping to make a success of this project. Please feel free to contact us at:

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