



UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

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The Langa Early Child Development Forum Special Initiative

The LTPT Charity Commission Trust Deed

The Objects of the charity are 'to advance education for the benefit of the public of the Township of Langa, Cape Town, South Africa by supporting the Nomonde Educare initiative and any other pre-school initiatives in the township through assistance such as materials, equipment and furnishings and direct financial assistance, the provision of professional advice and such assistance as deemed necessary'.

In this context the LTPT Board of Trustees on 22 February decided that special assistance is needed for the Langa ECD Forum and the 2022-2024 SHOP project has been established.

Langa Early Child Development Forum

Covering 39 pre-schools and creches and 5,000 children, the aim of the Forum is to develop Langa into a community of ECD excellence. The aim is to provide training in ECD, leadership and management, relevant equipment, and infrastructure to ensure improved health and safety conditions. A special target is the ongoing empowerment of the dedicated women who work, manage and teach in the ECD centres.

Quoting from a recent study by Platform, in collaboration with the Newlands Rotary Club, the Forum and Breadline Africa, 'Many of the community-based facilities are at best informal, and unregistered, ranging from single shacks or converted containers with open yards, to adopted houses'. Most are non-compliant with local laws and building standards and not accredited so they 'are unable to access funding from government, private sector or NGOs'.

Introducing:

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SUCCOUR • HOPE • OPTIMISM • PROGRESS

LTPT'S Two Year 'Shop' Project 2022 – 2024

Succour: to bring help and support to the deprived and suffering in Langa Township

Hope: to engender hope that important help is possible for families with small children

Optimism: to encourage people to be optimistic through the work of LTPT and to see that hopelessness can be beaten

Progress: to achieve 'SHOP' through visible and permanent activities showing real progress

How can LTPT help?

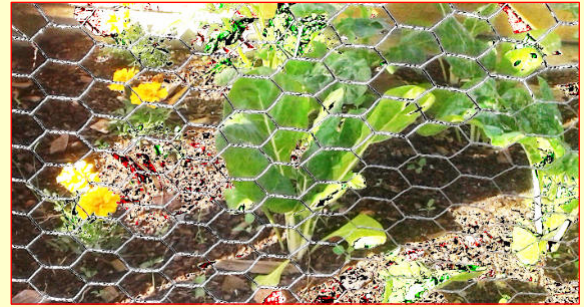
The Forum has no permanent home to work on its important mission. The LTPT Trustees have decided to establish a fund to help provide such a home, hopefully by the end of 2024 and linking with other sponsors such as the Newlands Rotary Club, with its links to rotary clubs in Germany, Holland, USA and Taipei.

This will be assessed further during the pending LTPT September visit to Cape Town.

LTPT 2022/23 Priorities

- To continue to pay for the Administrator and the Office at Nomonde Educare and to support Nomonde Pre-School.
- To supply food to the six pre-schools in the care of the Administrator.
- To make a grant of £2,200 to the Langa Early Child Development Forum (LECD).
- To build up a separate infrastructure fund with the aim by 2024 to be able to finance a building for LECD.
- To continue widen support for the work of the LangaTrust.

Vegetables flourishing in Nomonde Pre-School



The second crop of vegetables is flourishing, protected from birds and rats! Cabbage, spinach, beetroot and tomatoes should be ready to be harvested in July.

LTPT 2021/22 Financial Outturn

LTPT had a better year than first anticipated amid the pandemic gloom. Income was £35,326 compared with £28,114 in the previous year and expenditure was £30,925 compared with £26,464.

Regular donations were £5,151 and other donations £14,702. The latter included a donation of £5,000 from the Cheltenham College Humanitarian Fund, which was transferred into the newly established Infrastructure Account.

This followed a recent Board decision in principle to raise funds for a new building, ideally to house the Langa Early Child Development Forum (Langa ECD) and the Chris Hani Pre-School.

The Income was helped by the restart of the events programme, which made a contribution of circa £3,400, (Income £10,526, costs £7,075).

The main expenditure in the year was the completion of the Nomonde Pre-School playground at a cost of £12,253.

Supporting the Nomonde Office, the Administration, food for six pre-schools and grants to the Langa ECD cost £9,172.

Reflecting previous years, no fees or expenses were claimed by the UK operation, so over 98% of the spend, apart from the events programme costs, was in Langa in support of pre-schools.

Improving Nomonde Pre-School Toilets



Essential work has been completed with new floor tiling and improved plumbing.

2022 LTPT Spring Appeal

This is continuing and has been successful to date with the value of commitments, with gift aid, approaching £5,000 over the next twelve months.

Importantly, the number of regular givers has increased by 50% from 16 to 24.

Future Events

For now just diary dates; full details of the programme will be issued in a separate newsletter early in August.

26 Oct 6.45-11 pm – Gin and Music at The Gatsby

1 Dec 6.30 pm – Christmas Dinner at
The Marchmont Arms, Piccotts End

29 Jan 7.30 pm – A Mazza event

29 March 6.45pm – A Gatsby event

Devastating Fire in Langa

A devastating fire struck the Joe Slovo area of shacks on 17 April. Starting around 6pm, the fire was extinguished by midnight, 10 fire engines, 7 water carriers and 70 fire fighters being involved. Around 300 shacks were burnt and 1500 people made homeless. Fanned by a strong wind the fire spread quickly amongst homes made of wood and plastic sheets. Yolisa, the Nomonde Administrator, reported that families at the Nomonde and Ilitha Pre-Schools were affected, 'their clothes, tracksuits and shacks were burnt; some of the parents and children sleeping at Ruth's house and at Ilitha'. Tracksuits and fleeces were given to children by the two principals, Ruth Lumka and Mama Kota.

Then the floods came to Langa

As reported in earlier newsletters Cape Town suffers from very serious drought during the dry seasons. Yet, when the rain does come there are sustained, torrential downpours, with water cascading down from the mountains. On 17 June Nadia Petersen reported, 'we are currently experiencing much needed rain that are also devastating many people. Shacks are flooded, cold and wet, and it is difficult to get out of the shacks'.



Ruth Lumka (L) and Mama Kota, principals of Nomonde and Ilitha Pre-Schools respectively who gave support to the children and their families after the fire.

Three recent events

Two 'Schmelvis at The Mazza Restaurant', and 'Gin and Music at The Gatsby' with Clayton Stevens and Bernie contributed £2,500 to funds.



Clayton and Bernie performing to acclaim at the Gin and Music event



Scmelvis at 'The Mazza' - with Gordon's granddaughters Sophia Gaddes and Flo Pickles selling raffle tickets to help boost the funds.



Nomonde Pre-School children having fun in their newly completed playground



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