

## CELEBRATING WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY IN A BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT

World environment Week is celebrated globally each year, with the aim of raising awareness about conserving the environment, learning about the environment we live in and the impact we have as humans on our surroundings. Each year, our partners at UNISA's Department of Geography assist us in bringing this awareness to our community, and this year, on 9 June, we celebrated this important awareness week in Skuinsdrift, an area that has been earmarked to be converted into a Biosphere Reserve, with learners from the area. A number of workshops and lectures were hosted with the children, including water conservation, fauna and flora awareness and basic geographic awareness of the area. Here are some photos of the fun we had!



*From left to right: Chris Vlok from UNISA's Department of Geography, setting the tone of the day with a brief introduction of geography; Anja du Plessis from the university, facilitating a water testing workshop; learners giving feedback on what they've learned on the day; and lastly, we were surprised by a performance from the local marching band.*



### CAMPING in the Vaal-triangle

A couple of months ago, after attending our conference on CAMP in October last year, the LUSA Community Chest in the Vaal-triangle approached us, wanting to do a CAMP (Community Asset Mapping Programme) with a group of development workers in their area. We were greatly honoured to spend a week with them in their community, taking them through the process and showing them our model. We trust that this was a mutually beneficial learning experience, and we are looking forward to keeping in touch and hearing about successes and progress made.



*LEFT: Delegates of the CAMP workshop getting creative in mapping their community. RIGHT: Veronica Cronje, from LUSA Community Chest with Dr. Ivor Zwane, General Manager, Corporate Affairs – SASOL*

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One of the roles that organisations like our play in a community, is one of facilitator and networking agent. Over the past twelve years serving our community, we have been privileged to meet, and be involved in many different kinds of organisations, many of them, being similar in their functions. We've had the absolute pleasure of facilitating a learning opportunity with our community in Skuinsdrift, and our longterm dear friends at My Home children's home. As part of the Skuinsdrift community project, the multipurpose centre will host a home for orphaned and vulnerable children, and during June, we took them along to visit My Home. This model of cluster orphanages will be replicated in Skuinsdrift and Pieter and Lorette Erasmus will render technical support. This is a beautiful example of how we see communities coming together.



**TOP:** Boesman Matlale from Quiet Living in Skuinsdrift, in deep conversation with Pieter Erasmus, father of My Home Childrens home.



**BOTTOM:** Visitors from Skuinsdrift with the children of My Home.



Our acting CEO, Christine Delport has recently been invited to attend a round table session hosted by the World Bank, in Harare Zimbabwe, to take part in conversations on the topic of Indigenous Economic Empowerment. Here she is with the facilitator of the event, Andrew Mlalazi.

## ENTRIES FOR BARBARA PETCHENIK CHILDREN'S MAP LITERACY COMPETITION START COMING IN

For the second year running, the children of the Bojanala district is showing off their creativity in the Barbara Petchenik children's map literacy competition. This competition is co-ordinated in South-Africa by UNISA's Department of Geography, and entries from all over the world compete for the title of global winner. Last year, three of the six entries that went through to the world-wide judging round, came from our province. Invitations have been sent out to schools in our district, and already the response have been overwhelming. Final submissions close on **1 August**, after which finalists will be chosen to go through to the national round, and from there, ultimately to the global round. For more information on this competition, Bonolo can be contacted at our office at [bonolo@grcf.co.za](mailto:bonolo@grcf.co.za)

## MORE INFORMATION ON NEW SHORT LEARNING PROGRAMMES

Last month we excitedly broke the news of two new short learning programmes that will be presented by UNISA from January 2013. The full press release is available on our website, and we have also included more detailed information from the Department of Geography on our website. This can be viewed at <http://www.grcf.co.za/?p=546>

For other information, the university can be contacted directly.

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