

NEXT STEP CENTRE OF LEARNING

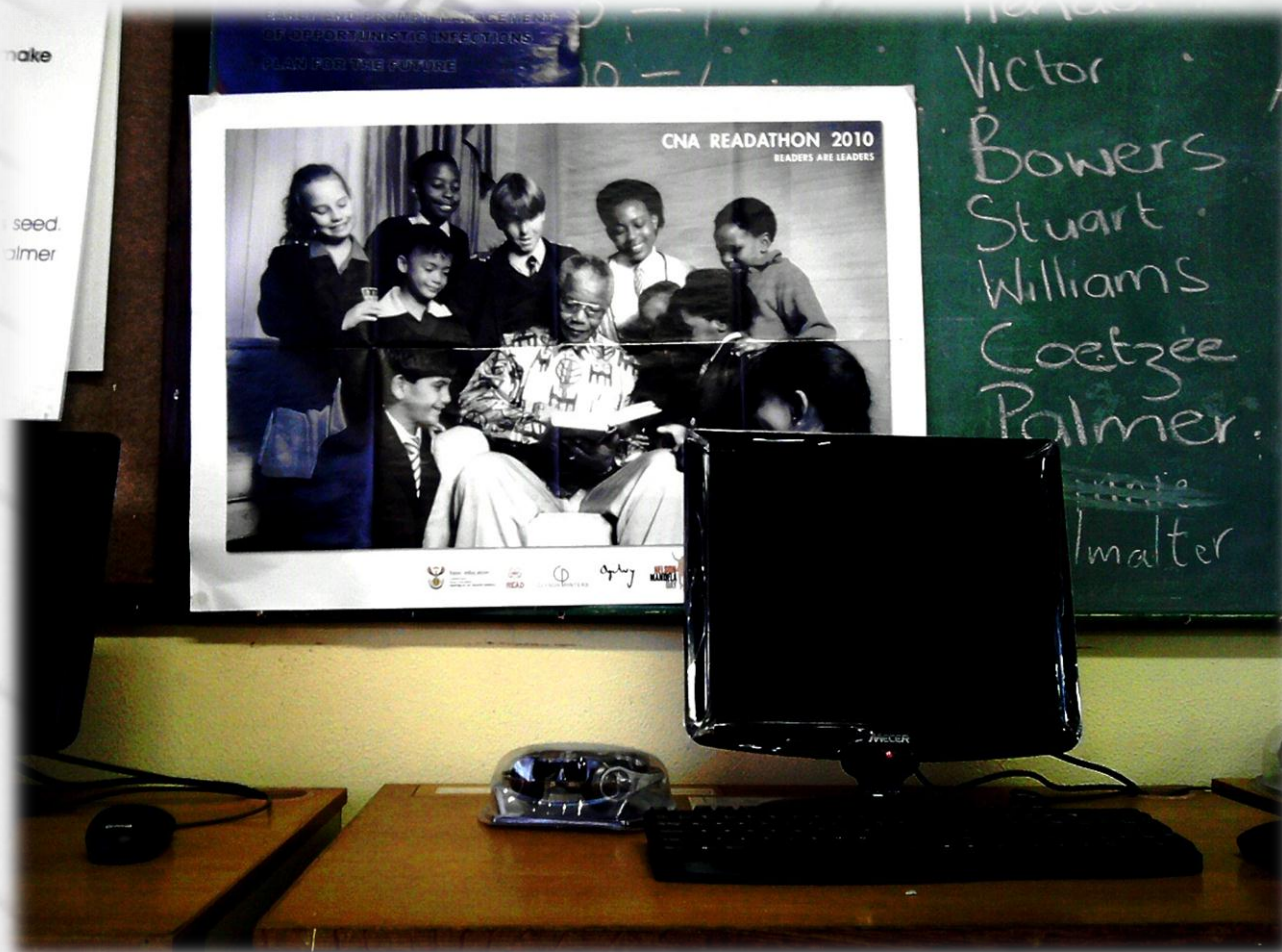
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Helenvale Next Step Community Centre of Learning



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About our project

The Next Step Community Centre of Learning (CCL) is a community focused institute of learning, with a wide range of learning options for the unemployed and low income members of our majorly previously disadvantaged community.

Our aim is to make self development opportunities available to the community, empowering them with the tools to build a better live for themselves.

The Community Centre of learning is based upon a by-the-community for-the-community principle, encouraging the local citizens to take responsibility for their own development.



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This project was initiated out of concern for the high level of illiteracy in all forms, coupled with an enormous lack of employable skills within our community.

A bulk of our community faces a hopeless existence. With the CCL we aim to restore hope through unlocking potential, revealing the true creative and innovative abilities of our learners enabling them to become financially independent through enhancing their marketability.

We offer low cost quality education open to the general public with preference to unemployed youth.



As an **engaged centre of learning**, the Next Step CCL aims to develop programmes, conduct research and offer services that are responsive to community needs, and encourage symbiotic relations with other similar organisations, both locally and internationally.

Our commitment to community development is reflected in our comprehensive programmes and coordinated efforts to facilitate community based learning.

We strive to be a valued partner in the socio-economic development of our community; enabling entrepreneurs, equipping the unskilled, empowering our community and developing leaders.



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Our Vision is to play an effective role in the sustainable development of our community.



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Our Mission is to drive community development through quality, accessible education and training.

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Our Values

Community focus

Affordability

Learner Access

Integrity

Quality

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The Next Step Community **Centre of Learning offer** courses geared towards the holistic development of the learner. This will be achieved through a good balance of technical, practical and life skills training.

The CCL has a work place-focused approach to the learning experience.

Our drive to build partnerships with business and industry will be a key element in making this possible, assisting us in always keeping our courseware relevant and up to date.

We have offer a range of courses which will prepare learners for employment in a wide range of fields.

These programmes are all SAQA Unit Standard Based.

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Our strategic Priorities

In striving to provide the best learning experience, the Next Step Community Centre of Learning makes it a priority to:

Establish the organisation as having a comprehensive training profile with selected focus areas that support sustainable development in our community

Ensure a quality training experience for all learners

Promote engagement through training programmes that responds to community needs



Develop a culture of continuous learning in our community

Strive for organisational continuous improvement and excellence

Ensure financial viability and sustainability

Maximise the potential of our staff

Next Step offer extended support to special needs learners, offering volunteer based tutor support and counselling. We are committed to ensure accessibility by keeping tuition fees as low as possible. Financial aid will be made available for those learners who can not afford course fees.



The Next Step Community Centre of Learning takes the learning experience beyond the classroom through facilitating programmes like volunteer work placement, internship, learnerships and job shadowing. These programmes helps learners to obtain valuable work experience. We are able to achieve this through our relationship with various businesses and institutions.

Further more, we aim to help kick start those learners who shows potential and intention to start their own businesses. Good relationships with Governmental bodies like the NYDA and SEDA helps to make this possible. The Next Step Centre includes a comprehensive business faculty as part of its training programme.

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Our Training focus areas

The Next Step Community Centre of Learning's five training focus areas provide strategic direction in our facilitation of learning and community involvement, ensuring that training activities are directed at the attainment of our vision, mission and values. These focus areas are:

Life Skills Training

Computer Literacy

Performing and Visual Arts

Technical Skills Training

Business Management



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Life skills Training

The Next Step Community Centre of Learning offers a comprehensive Life Skills training programme consisting of eight unit standard based courses. These courses take the learner on a journey of self discovery, and aims to equip learners with enhanced person and people skills to navigate day to day life challenges. The courses offered are:

Knowledge of self:

This course is focused on the learner getting to know himself better.

Problem Solving and Decision Making:

A short course covering various methods of problem solving and guides to decision making

Effective Communication:

The course is aimed at improving communication skills, both verbally and written'

Healthy Living:

The healthy living course encourages a healthy life style. It has a strong focus on HIV and Aids.

Personal Finance Management:

Teaching on how to manage personal finances responsibly

Responsible Citizenship:

Learning focused on your rights and responsibilities as a South African

Employment Readiness

The course aims to equip you with the know how to have an effective job search

Business Basics

All you need to know about starting and sustaining your own business

Computer Literacy

We at the Next Step Community Centre of Learning realises the importance of computer literacy in our day and age. For this reason we offer a comprehensive list of entry level computer courses. The learner can obtain an accredited certificate in any or all of the following courses:

Introduction to Computers

Windows

Microsoft Word

Microsoft Excel

Microsoft PowerPoint

Microsoft Outlook

Basic Graphic design



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Performing and Visual Arts

The Arts plays an important role in the development of our community. It may also lead to the generation of income.

Performing Arts

Voice training, Instrument training, Stage performance, Writing, Dance, Genre specific workshops, Production, Sound Engineering and recording and learning to understand the entertainment industry.

Visual Arts

Beadwork
Painting
Graphics
Interior design
Clothing design



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Assistance

To find out how you or your organization can contribute towards this initiative, feel free to contact us.

Section 18 Certificate available on request



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