

News & Updates



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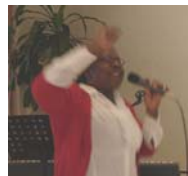


2009 Faculty Year End Lunch

Many thanks colleagues for a memorable event!



...new beginnings...



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Post Graduate Conference



From left: Hugh (MC), Joy & Jack (guest speaker) Whitehead and Tilla



Presenters: Tobeka, Pam & Arnold. with their supervisors Lesley and Tilla



Day 2 presenters: Muki, Andre, Adele, Elsa and Melissa with Tilla, Naydene and Hugh



Antoinette, Muki & Arnold with their supervisor, Tilla



Enjoying lunch and a celebratory glass of wine after the presentations

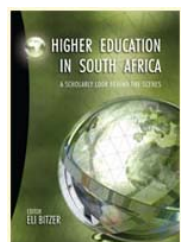
... then there were those extra-special gifts ...



Two of our Faculty Safety, Health and Environmental representatives, Ms Basheera Brooks and Bronwyn Moyes, attended an intensive 3 day training on First Aid. They excelled at the training course – both are now knowledgeable about fixing broken limbs and how to do CPR (mouth to mouth). And... both passed with distinctions.
Congratulations! Basheera and Bronwyn. ~ Tulse

Congratulations to Nonnie who contributed a chapter to *Higher Education in SA!*

Proud of you, Nonnie!



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Faculty of Education at work in Kigali, Rwanda

Naydene de Lange recently visited Kigali and co-facilitated a five day programme (with Claudia Mitchell, Myriam Gervais and Eliane Ubalijoro) on participatory visual methodologies for social change, held at the Kigali Institute of Education, November 23-27, 2009, involving participants from Tanzania, Ethiopia, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Rwanda. The workshop, part of a 3 year research project, was conducted in partnership with McGill University and the Rwanda National University and was funded through IDRC, CIDA and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada – and will be followed in 2010 with community-based field work with rural girls and women in Rwanda as part of the study “Through the eyes of rural girls and women: using visual methodologies to engender poverty reduction strategies”.

Rwanda, a beautiful country, with lush tropical vegetation, extinct volcanoes and the mountain gorillas made famous by Dian Fossey, is also fighting the battle against HIV and AIDS. According to UNAIDS (2008) the number of people living with HIV is 130 000 - 170 000; adults aged 15 and up living with HIV is 120 000 - 150 000; women aged 15 and up living with HIV is 69 000 - 88 000; children aged 0 to 14 living with HIV is 17 000 - 21 000, deaths due to AIDS is 5 700 - 10 000 and orphans due to AIDS aged 0 to 17 is 190 000 - 250 000. Rwanda is however leading the way in jointly tackling HIV and TB. Engendering poverty reduction strategies is envisaged to contribute to the prevention of the spread of HIV particularly among rural girls and women. ~ Naydene



The trainers, Claudia Mitchell (McGill University), Relebohile Moletsane (HSRC) and Naydene (NMMU)



Naydene with Euthalie Nyirabega, former Sociology Professor and now MP, who was very pleased to receive a copy of *Picturing Hope* (Olivier, Wood & de Lange)



A silver back (adult male) mountain gorilla

Exploring family life of young learners attending a school in rural Langkloof

A project to explore family life of young learners kicked off on Friday 4 December 2009, when Naydene de Lange, Tilla Olivier and Johanna Geldenhuys introduced 16 young children in a multi-grade class to the ‘teddy diary’ project. The idea is to study family life through circulating a diary (along with a teddy, in the South African context a soft toy monkey, called ‘org die apie’) in which the children draw and/or write what ‘org die apie’ experiences when visiting the child’s home. The findings will be compared to similar work done in China and Norway.



The team was accompanied by Sarie Marais the ‘research assistant’ and Eben Olivier, the ‘minister of transport’. Eben secured Adidas sponsored soccer, rugby and tennis balls, and engaged the children in fun ball skill activities.

Such community-based research is personally rewarding, but also benefits the little school community.
~ Naydene



Our thoughts and well wishes are with **PAUL** and his family whilst he recuperates from heart surgery.

~ All your FoE colleagues & friends