



Port Shepstone Twinning Association 074-004 NPO

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Message from our Chairperson: Gary Moodley



“God endows all His children with special gifts and talents to do good work so that He may be glorified. Doing good deeds is an act of worship”.

Port Shepstone Twinning Association has achieved much in its 23 years of existence. We persevere in making a difference in the lives of many South Africans across the length and breadth of this land. This past year we have been fortunate to once again be supported by The National Lotteries Commission. This funding is now concluded.

We have organised several Time Travel events, continued our research in local history and contributed to poverty alleviation, job creation and social cohesion programmes.

We have worked on and supported several programmes with the National Department of Arts and Culture, especially the one on the Freedom Charter. This is evidenced in the book they have published. The organisation has also lent its expertise in training, hosted two national Bridging Ages South Africa (BASA) conferences in recent times and played an integral part in drafting the national constitution. This year two of our committee members were delegates to the BASA international conference in Finland.

The organisation can only sustain itself if there is strong commitment and integrity from members, wise management, leadership and reliable funding. We continue to uphold our Vision:

“Empower individuals and organisations in the development of personal dignity, values, respect and understanding of each other through the sharing of experiences in a global context, in order to contribute towards the building of an equal and tolerant society.”

Message from Bridging Ages International Honorary President: Ebbe Westergren (Sweden)



Kalmar läns Museum and Bridging Ages International congratulate Port Shepstone Twinning Association for another successful year in promoting the Time Travel method and working for community building and social cohesion. It is very impressive work: 26 Time Travels, Public Travels on four national days, many training sessions and presentations, Time Travel focusing on therapy with children, promoting tourism, giving 45 people stipends, research for Gamalakhe book, hosting the global profile and very importantly, the holistic approach with poverty alleviation and the girl child programmes. You have been funded by National Lottery (NLC), but I understand that most of the work is voluntary.

It is really a pleasure to see the energy and motivation you have to strive for a more united and prosperous South Africa and build self-esteem among people. I also recognise the efforts you do to inspire other provinces and countries in the Bridging Ages organisation.

It has always been a pleasure to partner with you and we hope for more collaboration in the future.

Time Travel and Applied Heritage Programme

Ebbe is the founder of the Time Travel method some 33 years ago. He has worked tirelessly with our Association since 2008 jointly with Helen Eklund of Kalar läns Museum, Sweden.

His vision is being realised in South Africa. He established a strong foundation and this methodology has now spread to all provinces. The method focusses on education, community building and social cohesion. It is relevant for our country's transformation, empowerment and restoring dignity. He has spread the concept to 25 countries and it is growing internationally. An International organisation was established in 2004 known as Bridging Ages International. We are honoured to be a member of this organisation.

IMPACT

In total **26 time travel educational programmes** were held with various local schools and institutions. Educational outcomes were supported through this initiative. This included 3852 participants.

Time Travel to 1904 at Emaus Church was launched on April 2016

Educational Pilot time travel events were held with Makhanda High School. Four grade 10 classes time travel events were held per class to assess the impact of the programme.

This was a resoundingly successful pilot Time Travel Programme with the focus on therapy. The focus group was children living at child and youth care facilities.

Secondary impact through commemoration of events, school participation, collaboration with other institutions and media coverage was estimated to be 100 000.

Public Time Travel events were held on Heritage Day, Women's Day, Youth Day and Human Rights Day respectively.

The educational manual is at its early stage of development.

Research on Gamalakhe history in national archives, local papers and oral history recordings towards the first book on this township has commenced.

Research on two mission stations and development of two scenarios to conduct Time Travel events

The Time Travel method focuses on the use of local history and how this knowledge is applied to benefit the local community today. The methodology has the following five pillars:

- Focus on local sites and stories
- History from below- the "bottom up approach"
- Key Questions – connects today with the past
- Interaction between community and school
- Reflective dialogue- discuss, challenge and find a way forward **together**

Our recorded Time travel sites where the programmes were held:

- Time Travel South Wharf, Port Shepstone, 1905 – Poll Tax
- Court Martial in Umzumbe, 1906
- Tin Town, Gamalakhe, 1968 – Forced Removal
- Betania Mission, Nyandezulu, 1912 (importance of education))
- Isivivane u Shaka, Umzumbe, 1828 – naming Mtwalume by King Shaka
- Port Shepstone Railway Station, 1973 – Dock Strikes
- Emaus Mission 1904- working with the community

Achievements

Job Creation: Job creation was one of the greatest achievements. Total numbers of personnel on stipends were 45.

Time Travel Facilitators	8
Time Travel activity leaders (from the rural areas, unemployed, including youth, women and senior citizens)	16
Props and Site Development (construction, labourers, carpenters, maintenance, hire of tents from local communities and security)	10
Research and Oral History recording	9
Admin, driver	2
Total	45



Photo: Community members are selected, trained and jobs created. Many have different skills. Here the activity leader in a Time Travel event is educating learners on Zulu traditional beads, meaning of colours and patterns and making them.

Capacity Building and Training

Training is an ongoing priority. Training includes both theory and practicals.

Training is focused at various levels, from entry to experienced time travel practitioners.

12 school presentations were conducted.

Training with a Child and Youth Care Facility to both staff and management.

7 community training sessions were held. Outcome was the establishment of a community committee linked to the church.

Tertiary level:

Presentation to tourism students and practicals at both Durban University of Technology (DUT) and TVET (Gamalakhe Campus)

National training: Member from our Association participated in and also supported national programmes

Oral History recording training- Facilitated by Killie Campbell Library and museum (University of KwaZulu-Natal). The trained personnel were deployed to undertake oral recordings of those who were subjected to forced removals



Role Play at the training session.

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National Training: Time Travel and Curriculum Training held on 16 April 2016

Time Travel and curriculum training was held with the most experienced educators in the Time Travel methodology from our Association.

Facilitated by Ebbe Westergren



Supported by: National Dept. of Arts and Culture.

Content:

Incorporating each Time Travel event to the appropriate section in the curriculum.

Outcome: To develop study plans per Time Travel to be incorporated as part of the educational manual.

Research Training: 17-21 October 2016

This training was coupled with the development of the Gamalakhe Heritage book. Representatives from:

- Provincial Museum Services- KZN
- Killie Campbell Library- University of KwaZulu Natal
- Killie Campbell Museum
- Gamalakhe Community Development Foundation
- Staff



Methodology:

“Each one teach one approach”, using the study circle method.

Mentorship and Training: BASA delegate, Neo Tom from Kliptown, Soweto and local delegates participated in a week’s training which was held from 14-20 August 2016. Training content:

- Administration, networking and collaborations
- Job Creation aspects in roles / division of responsibilities
- Site Maintenance
- Prop development and maintenance
- Time Travel methodology- practical

Extract from participant evaluation:

“After all I have learned in Port Shepstone, I now have the courage and passion to continue the wonderful work of the Time Travel and Applied heritage method through expanding the project into the Free State province since it has been evident that Time Travel is indeed a tool for community building”

Commemoration of Women's Month

- Ingwembala High School, Nyandezulu
- (DUT) 2nd year tourism students
- Kwafica High School, Umzumbe
- Zibonele High School, Umzumbe
- Inathi Child and Youth Care Facility, Oribi
- Community members from Umzumbe, Gamalakhe, Marburg, Albersville, Oslo Beach, and Mtwalume
- Port Shepton Museum
- Ziphakamise NGO, Ugu South Coast Tourism
- National representative from Kliptown, Soweto



**Total number of participants:
144**

Training : Durban University of Technology – 2nd year tourism learners:
The learning outcomes:

- How tourism fits into the general theories of economic development
- The importance of integrated tourism planning and development
- Identifying sites with the community for tourism potential
- Time Travel and the Applied Heritage Model to complement the tourism initiative



The follow-up was participation in an event.

Time Travel: South Wharf, Umzimkhulu River, 1905

Commemoration of Women's Month held on 17 August 2016

Purpose of the event:

- To commemorate Women's Month within the sector of Heritage, Arts and Culture
- To promote social cohesion
- To expose tourism students to an alternate method on tourism and job creation
- For educational purpose for learners within the curriculum about the significance of a local site.



"The time travel method now makes sense after the theory, we had to go through this to learn from this event. It can definitely contribute to my rural area, There are so many stories"

TVET – Gamalakhe Campus

Presentation to 30 TVET tourism students. The students showed a keen interest and many called to discuss future tourism plans in rural areas. This was followed by a participation in a TT event to commemorate Human Rights Day.

Site: Tin No 258- Gamalakhe Tin Town



Attendance:

- 2nd Year Tourism Learners from TVET
- Olwandle High School learners and educators
- Sethembinkosi Primary School
- Bridging Ages International- President and Deputy (Annina and Johanna)
- Port Shepstone Museum
- South Coast Tourism
- Twinning Members
- Department of Arts and Culture

Total Participants: 131



Smangele Memela has related her family's story of forced removal.

Facilitated by Thulas Mkhize and co-ordinated by Gulshera Khan and Staff

Public Time Travel: Isivivane Senkosi uShaka, 1828

On 7 May 2016, a public Time Travel activity was conducted at Isivivane Senkosi Ushaka (1828) at Mthwalume Ward 15, KwaQoloqolo Traditional Council under Umzumbe Municipality.

Highlights

The aim of the event was the commemoration of the naming of an area now called Qoloqolo in the Mthwalume area by King Shaka during 1828. The focus was the promotion of tourism for the region using the Time Travel methodology.

More than 300 Time Travel individuals participated in the event. The observers and participants numbered approximately 3000. Both modern and traditional music played formed part of the attraction. Umzumbe Municipality funded the event. Three bulls were slaughtered. Our Association provided props and costumes and lunch packs for 200 children.

A detailed activity followed after the Time Travel event. The program director was from Ukhozi FM. UGU Film Festival officials captured the scenes of the Zulu experience. Members of the Zulu Royal household and municipal officials, the Mayor and Speaker of the Municipality also participated.



A KwaMbanjwa local homestead was used by Twinning for storing props and costumes for the learner participants, including serving of refreshments. In total, four Time Travel events were held at this site to support education.



Time Travel: Emaus Mission, 1904: Piloted on 15 April 2016

The 104 participants were local church members, Emaus High and Emaus Junior Schools, Lourdes Mission members, nuns from the Mission, National Department of Arts and Culture, and the international delegation from Sweden and Finland.

The pilot Time Travel event was a huge success, facilitated by Ebbe. International delegates were Ebbe and Linda from Sweden and Annina and Lilian from Finland.

The scenario was based on the extensive research undertaken.

Thereafter, the programme was offered to both primary and secondary schools in the area. Regular Time Travel events were held to support educational outcomes.

A local organisation from this community was empowered as a link to this community. Job opportunities were also created.

In total 6 Time Travel events to support educational outcomes were held.



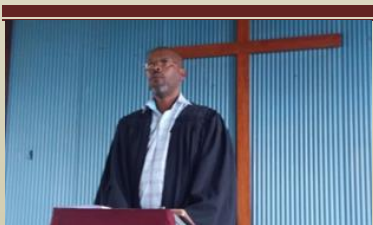
Time Travel: Betania Mission, 1912

Goal

- To recognize the school and Mission as a heritage site
- To develop rural communities and a heritage site for schools and tourists
- The need for lifelong learning. This is linked to the Grade 10 lesson on Lifelong learning, a section in Life Orientation.

Impact:

- Equal participation by learners.
- Exposure to indigenous games, crafts, food preparation and chores.
- Learners and educators felt at ease and expressed positively the variation in learning compared to a classroom setting.



Victor Zulu is one of our trained facilitators. Here he is in the role of Reverend Johansson at Betania Mission.

Eight successful Time Travel events were held at this site

Props and Site Development

Props worth R80 000 are well maintained and stored. Props per Time Travel have been researched to depict that specific period in history. Three trained personnel maintain, dispatch, receive, and repair props. They are employed for this specific purpose on a part-time basis.

Sites are reconstructed for the Time Travel event. Safety aspects are taken into account. Sites are maintained, grass cut and broken bottles removed. Security is employed during an event. Generally they are from the respective community.

Local Communities are beneficiaries in all our activities. As a principle, crafts, costumes and traditional attire are procured from the community.

The learner attire are the costumes of the Association. Three staff are employed per Time Travel event before and after the event, to identify, allocate, and dispatch all props and costumes. This is maintained and stored after the event.



A highlight in all the events is dressing to depict the year of the Time Travel event. This is very exciting for the learners and adults. Immediately, this helps psychologically to go back in time.

Catering

A meal is provided to learners at all activities. To minimise costs and to ensure that local communities benefit, local community members are recruited to assist in this process. Meals are traditional and depict menus of the time period.



Global Profile: Joint programme with learners from Sweden, Uganda and South Africa

A Global Profile Programme was introduced in 2008 by co-ordinator Bo Hellstrom. The programme focuses on a common topic of global interest, regarding Human Rights, Tolerance and Diversity.

Diversity and Tolerance are topical in the world today. We introspect, as the world faces high degrees of intolerance, xenophobia and racism. Our Association, jointly with partners in Sweden and Uganda, have been proactive in developing programmes at international level, focussed on youth in all three countries that is more relevant than ever before. These exchanges are held once a year in Sweden with representatives from all three countries and bigger delegations from Sweden to us in Port Shepstone and Entebbe, Uganda. During this phase, the final exchanges were held. Sadly this programme has ended.

Global Profile SA Delegation to Uganda: 27 September 2016-07 October 2016:

Nontsikelelo Khumalo [Department of Education, Ugu District]

Zibonele High School learners:
Mfanufikile Themba Cele and
Nontsikelelo Nomvula Dlamini

KwaFica High School learners:
Prince Simthembile Gumede and
Nompilo Promise Dlamini

This was the first time that the three countries had a joint programme in Africa. This was a major boost for social cohesion, and exchange of culture globally.



It is difficult to get funding for heritage and arts and culture programmes. However, the Association's positive reputation persuaded local business to assist. We would like to thank Lucky's, Manaba, in particular for co-ordinating donations. They have been very consistent in their support.



Communities and schools were supported through donations received in kind.



Home visits were made with the local church to assess the situation of poverty. Monthly donations from Rice-for-Life also supports indigent families on our database.

In deep rural areas, exposure to extreme poverty cannot be ignored. Sadly these are remote communities unknown to those living in urban areas. NGOs are generally the link between these two worlds. This is our lobbying and advocacy role.



Photograph: Gulshera Khan

Poverty Alleviation: While the programme involved the arts, culture and heritage sector, our approach is "*holistic*" in specific communities where the project is rolled out. In this regard, assessments are made with community institutions and communities are supported.



This is one of the early learning centres based in Gamalakhe, not supported by Government at this stage as they are still in the process of registration. They have been one of our recipients.

Girl Child Programme: SARS Port Shepstone Branch donated sanitary pads as part of their Women's Day contribution. This need was identified by schools in Umzimkhulu. Emaus High School was supported.

In addition, girlchildren were mentored at our offices during their community programme week.

Collaboration with schools in Oskarshamn, Sweden and seven local schools: Democracy Programme

(A programme between Oskarshamn and Ray Nkonyeni Municipalities)

We have always been supportive of this international partnership. During their programme, our Association warmly received this delegation. Previous Triangle Programme youths, now young adults spent an evening with the Swedish learners. It is our mission for the youth to continue this journey of local and international solidarity.



Programme Content

There were exchanges of learners, educators and municipal officials during this term as part of an ongoing learner involvement in local politics. It is interesting to note that a survey was undertaken over three years in both countries and our learners became aware of the prevailing political climate.



*President Annina Ylikoshi,
International President Bridging
Ages International from Finland*

Extract from her letter of support at our 21st Annual General Meeting:

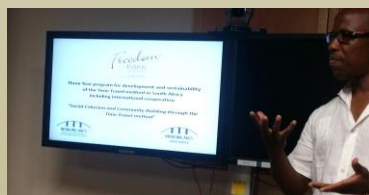
“Your work as a team to build a better community through Time Travels is a true inspiration for colleagues both in South Africa and abroad”

National Conference



Presentation: Prof David Morris Head of Archaeology and Extraordinary Professor, Heritage, Sol Plaatje University and at McGregor Museum, Northern Cape

Jabulani Phelago: National Chairperson of BASA (Bridging Ages South Africa). He is an educator at Freedom Park, Pretoria



Human Rights Awareness: Presentation by Bo Hellstro on his work as an observer in Palestine as a representative of The World Council of Churches’ (WCC) Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI) (Sweden)

Bo Hellstrom, one of our Swedish partners in Global Profile Learner Programme from Sweden had spent 3 months on the EAPPI programme in both Israel and Palestine. On his visit to our region in December 2016, he presented an account of his experience and a way forward developed in creating greater awareness about conflicts between Palestine and Israel



The Association is highly appreciative of Selvan Chetty, who is not only one of the founders of our Association but a human rights activist and community leader. He was instrumental in ensuring the success of this programme.

National BASA Conference: 28 February 2017-3 March 2017

Two members represented the Association at the National Time Travel conference held at Freedom Park, Pretoria and Finland Embassy, supported by the National Department of Arts and Culture. This was combined with the National Bi-Annual General Meeting of the National Time Travel body, known as Bridging Ages SA (BASA). Gulshera Khan was re-elected as treasurer. Regular Skype meetings are held to spread and promote the Time Travel Methodology

Programme Content:

- Heritage Education
- Presentation by various provinces and future planning
- Organisational Structure / Challenges and Sustainability
- Time Travel event 1995 - Curriculum Transformation



**Reception at the
Finnish Embassy**

Twining with Sweden

Our Association remains a twinning partnership with Oskarshamn Southern Africa Komitee (OSAK) in Oskarshamn, Sweden. Despite the conclusion of the twinning empowerment programmes, which was funded for 12 years, our association continued with many programmes, especially with Kalmar läns Museum and Bridging Ages International.

Highlight of the programme in Sweden: 1-18 September 2016

Olof Palme International Centre, Stockholm was presented a certificate of gratitude.

Three day visit to Söderhamn. We conferred our appreciation to Söderhamn Municipality for their interest and continued support.



At Oskarshamn, a warm welcome lunch by the municipality, visit to schools and reconnected with friends.

Finally the attendance of the Bridging Ages Conference.

We extend our appreciation to Söderhamn and Oskarshamn Municipalities, Lillemor, Thomas Norgren, Tormod, Paulin Susay, Laila, Ake Nilsson, Helen Eklund, Bo Hellstrom, and many others who provided accommodation, transport and made our stay memorable. We are indeed grateful.

Time Travel method workshop held at KwaMuhle Museum in Durban, 27 March 2017

International Facilitators: Annina and Johanna

Content: Different ways to implement the methodology.

Attendance: 21 persons from KZN DAC, KZN Museum Service, representatives from Sobantu School, Mpophomeni Museum, Local History Museums (Durban), Siege Museum and KwaMuhle Museum. Seven persons represented our Association.

Outcome: Bridging Ages KZN Interim Board was elected. The KZN 3-year plan was reviewed and a way forward presented. Philani Gcaba, a member of our Association, was elected chairperson of Bridging Ages KZN

Bridging Ages International Conference: 13-16 September 2016

Bridging Ages International 12th Conference was held in Sweden. It is rotated annually to different member countries, ie. 25 countries are members. The theme: Social Cohesion through Applied Heritage and the Time Travel Method.

Representation and Attendance:

Judy Mkhize, Margaret Nqoko and Gulshera Khan. Gulshera's presentation on "Social Cohesion and Community Building" was well received. It can be viewed on the website: bridgingage.com

"240 delegates from 20 different countries in Europe, America, Africa and Asia gathered for three days in a warm and sunny Kalmar, making it the biggest Bridging Ages ever. There were more than 70 presentations, several workshops, evening programs and a fascinating Time Travel event to 1945"



The Deputy Minister of South Africa, Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi, opened the conference together with the Swedish Minister of Culture and Democracy, Alice Bah Kuhnke. Keynote Speakers were Dr Andrew Wingate, Anglican Priest, UK; Dr Mzalendo Kibunja, Director-General National Museums of Kenya and Professor Paloma Gonzales, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain.

Several sessions were connected to projects, for example Health and Culture, Innovative Archaeology, Meeting places for issues of Life and Faith, Sites and Stories to Mathematics in the Historic Environment. Kalmar läns Museum, Sweden and Freedom Park (Department of Arts and Culture), South Africa signed an agreement on a joint three-year plan, "Social Cohesion and Community Building through the Time Travel Method".



Past Twinning members from Sweden are now tourists. Carl Bloom together with his son visited our shores to reconnect with friends.

Bo Hellstrom, his wife and friends holidayed in South Africa in December 2016. Promoting rural areas has also been our focus with our visitors.



Tormod Nesset's first holiday in 2 decades in South Africa – every other visit was work related. Warmly welcomed in Mach 2017. He is thanked by Mr Daniel Malishe, a board member for his contribution.



Johanna Ejdersted, a regular visitor to the south coast was also warmly welcomed. She is employed by Kalmar läns Museum, Sweden.

Members attending the welcoming ceremony



Time Travel, 1945

This Time Travel event was focused on our responsibility to take care of refugees and integration. It was held outside a former epidemic hospital on the island of Lindö in Kalmar, where a large number of refugees were received in June 1945, both former concentration camp prisoners and deserted soldiers. The discussions and engagements were vibrant and vivid. It was a magical Time Travel event on an important topic of today.



Discussions towards the establishment of an African continental structure of Bridging Ages was also a leap forward.

Organizers of the conference: Kalmar läns museum, Linnaeus University, Regional Council of Kalmar County, Church of Sweden and Bridging Ages

Appreciation

The Association has made giant steps in transforming our services. We are humbled by the support of our local community and Ziphakamise.

Special word of appreciation to a large core of volunteers, especially in the Time Travel Programme. This includes participating schools, churches, Department of Education, KZN Museum Services, Department of Arts and Culture KZN, local museum, Ugu, Ray Nkonyeni and Umzumbe Municipalities, Ugu South Coast Tourism, National Department of Arts and Culture, UKZN, Killie Campbell Library, DUT, TVET, and the Betania and Emaus Missions.

We are highly appreciative of our international supportive institutions, viz BA International, Kalmar läns Museum, OSAK, Oskarshamn and Söderhamn Municipalities.

We also thank our partners in Bridging Ages South Africa for their support.

Our auditors, Anil Ramnath and Co who have, on a monthly basis, monitored and audited our finances for which we are grateful.

Kindly support the work of the Association. Donations are welcomed:

In the words of our Deputy Chairperson, Thulas Mkhize:

*"Twinning is an organisation that makes everyone regardless of their status in the community, their race, age, gender, feel **special**. Twinning promotes social cohesion."*

Board Members:

G. Moodley, T. Mkhize, JN Mkhize, R. Mudaly, T. Ndovela, S. Ragoobar, D. Malishe, G. Khan, R. Gounden, N. Khumalo and G. Cele

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