



PORT SHEPSTONE TWINNING ASSOCIATION 074 – 004 NPO

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Chairperson: Gary Moodley

We are a small but powerful organisation made up of strong and dedicated individuals who strive to make a difference in the lives of South Africans across the country.

Our programmes and projects are aligned to our main goals such as nation - building, social cohesion and job creation . Time Travel Programme being our main project is a unique way to learn our people’s history and ensuring it does not die with people. Many historical events that took place are being recorded in publications resulting from time travels being held across South Africa.

Our organisation has been busy in the last year spreading the time travel teaching method to others across South Africa. Our collaboration with the Department of Arts and Culture has enabled us to gain recognition as master trainers in the Time Travel method and applied heritage. Many new and exciting Time Travels have been taking place this past year spreading across most of our provinces.

Our team is presently developing its own educational manual for South African schools to use so that the Curriculum can be delivered in a more interesting and meaningful way.

Our Association was part of the national Bridging Ages team in organising the Bridging Ages International Conference in Pretoria recently.

Funding was our main challenge this year however good management by our wise stewards has seen us through.

We are grateful to Department of Arts and Culture, KwaZulu - Natal (Grant in Aid funding) for supporting us during this term of office.



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Secretary: Judy Mkhize

Thuma Mina is a concept practiced by the Association since its inception. We are dependent on a large core of volunteers, both professional and ordinary members that volunteer their services.

The service of the Association is to dignify communities’ efforts, embracing education within the context of development. In doing so, community needs are simultaneously addressed. A unique proactive approach!

With programme expansion, new research and new sites are developed, reaching out to new communities. In this way, additional persons are recruited. Training and capacity building is necessary. Jobs opportunities are created.

We are a member of Bridging Ages, an International organisation, as well as on the board of Bridging Ages South Africa.



Achievements

Introduction

Addressing community challenges and supporting educational programmes were implemented with the support received from the community. Although funding was limited, the large core of volunteers, supported by the Board, international, national, provincial and local partnerships was a major motivating factor in continually breaking new grounds.

1. Time Travel and Applied Heritage Programme

Time travel activities and events took place in Ugu and Umzimkhulu District municipalities. Presentation of papers at the international conference held in Finland and seminar in Sweden was a highlight.

Through partnership collaboration with Bridging Ages South Africa members (BASA) and Bridging Ages (international), the programme is making a positive contribution in transforming arts, heritage and culture programmes on a national level.

Impact

- Seven time travel educational programmes were held.
- Commemoration of National Days held, viz Heritage and Human Rights days respectively.

2. Capacity Building and Training



Training: Educators on method and the link to the curriculum.

Training with Care Workers focused on addressing needs of children.

Presentation to TVET students and lecturers focussing on Time Travel and Tourism

National Training - five provinces.

- The piloting of Time Travel and Therapy is ground-breaking work. This is piloted jointly with Inathi Child and Youth Care Facility.
- Supported national and provincial time travel programmes.
- Selected as national trainers to train 5 provinces on Time Travel and Applied heritage methodology. Training held in October .
- Research conducted on Forceful Removals.
- Job opportunities created.

Job Creation: Job creation was one of the greatest achievements. Breakdown

Time Travel Facilitators	3
Time Travel activity leaders (from the rural areas, unemployed , including youth	10
Props and Site Development - admin, labour and security	3
Research and Oral History	2
Total	18

3. Synopsis of Time Travel events

Time Travel Emaus Mission 1904

Goal of the event:

- To learn about local heritage.
- To address community needs
- Confidence and leadership development

Total of 141 participants, made up of learners from Emaus Secondary and Primary Schools.



Time Travel Isivivana King Shaka 1828 .

Goals: Introduction of a local heritage site

Local homestead was hired to dress up in traditional attire, store personal belongings and distribute refreshments.

Community members that are themselves the present Induna, sangoma or praise singers were employed for the day to role-play their present-day position in 1828. This site has the potential of being a major tourist attraction.



Betania Mission 1912 Time Travel

Goal

To recognize the school and Mission as a heritage site
To develop rural communities heritage sites and recognise their importance.

Support Grade 10 Social Science Curriculum “lifelong learning”

Impact:

- Equal participation
- Exposure to indigenous games, crafts, & food
- Learners and educators felt at ease and expressed positively the variation in learning as compared to a class room setting.



Commemoration of Human Rights Day : Time Travel Gamalakhe Tin Town 1868



Total of 131 participants:

Purpose of the event:

- To commemorate human rights day
- Promote tourism, use of local heritage.
- Passing down indigenous knowledge

Persons with skills in crafts, indigenous knowledge, arts, musician, agriculture, and educators specific to a subject were facilitators.

4. Research

Research is an ongoing process. The recorded information, with permission obtained from the interviewee, is archived, used for publication and developing time travel events. Two interviews are highlighted.

Name: Winnifred Nomfanelo Daki
Born: 1932/10/21 to 2018 /4/31

Mrs. Daki was interviewed six months prior to her passing on.

Daki family was the first family in Port Shepstone subjected to the Group Areas Act 1950. They were living comfortably adjacent to the present magistrate's court, Port Shepstone in 1968. Her husband was an employee of the Department of Education. At that period in time, many of the government departments shared space at the magistrate court, Port Shepstone.



Overnight the family was forcefully removed to Gamalakhe Tin Town. They were the first known family subjected to this removal. She described this move as frightening and they were left in despair to fend for themselves. Grassy pathways were roads; the area lacked sanitation and piped water.

Photo: Her cries about the day of the forceful removal could be heard as she unveiled their ordeal. This is also evident in the picture taken. *(copyright Port Shepstone Twinning Association)*

Sister Xavier

Born Marianne Gerda Pohl, in Berlin, Germany in 1940, Sister Xavier came to South Africa in 1963 to fulfil what she saw as her life's mission, which was to care for needy children in Africa. In 1982, she established St. Martin's Home, situated in Oriibi.



We were fortunate to interview her in June, just three months before she had passed on at the age of 77. Her story of passion for the care of vulnerable children, her religious duties, stand for independent ideas and her care for working with the community is admirable. The legacy of this formidable, determined, caring and dedicated woman lives on.

Her story resulted in developing a time travel activity, piloted in October 2018. It is the first, internationally to embark on "Time Travel and Therapy" The goal is to address children's needs.

5. Props and Site Development

Props per time travel have been researched to depict that specific period in history. Three trained persons maintain, dispatch, receive, and repair props. This is a part-time job opportunity created. Sites are reconstructed for the time travel event. Safety aspects are taken into account. Sites are maintained. Security employed where time travel events are held.

Local Communities are beneficiaries of all our activities. As a principle to support the local initiative, crafts, costumes, and traditional attire are procured from the local community.

6. Catering

A meal is provided to learners at all activities. To ensure that local communities are beneficiaries, community members are recruited and employed as service providers. Meals are traditional and are reflective of the time period of the event. Preparing a meal is an activity itself.

Refreshments are provided before an event



7. Poverty Alleviation and Crises Intervention: Donations received from Lucky's Store, Rice for Life and other donors were handed out to families affected by devastating rain. Distribution was made to Margate and Murchison residence that were most affected. Here, Selvan Chetty and Eunis Moosa are thanked for their support.



8. Community Outreach

Mandela Day 18 June 2017:

Board member Silvy Ragoobar joined the programme to reach out to local hospital. Baby hampers distributed to the Children's Ward at Murchison Hospital was well received.



9. Putting a Smile on Children's Faces

Donations from the goodwill of the community have been distributed to underprivileged children in Umzumbe, Murchison and Gamalakhe.



10. Collaboration and Support

Inathi Child and Youth Care Centre:

December 2017, attended a farewell event at the Centre, where children were recognised for their efforts. It was a day filled with joy and giving.

Further, the Association identified the need to have the Centre curtained. In this respect, our partnership with Potters House Ministries for raising a percentage of the funds made this possible. Workwell Tailors stitched 57 curtains at no costs. This was well received at the handover ceremony. Present: Pastor Kevin, Judy Mkhize, Wellington Bobore, Jezeiyn Naidoo- a student from Marburg Secondary school, raised the funds with his friends and Gary Moodley.



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Time Travel to 1876

The Ingcuce maiden regiment defiance of 1876.

Three members represented our Association at this event. In addition have loaned props needed. Facilitated by KZN, Provincial Museum Services on 13 February 2018

The Association have also supported national initiative, viz Loan of props and costumes Krugers Dorp Museum .



National trainers: As part of the international and national team of trainers, the programme was rolled out to all provinces. During a week's training in October 2017, the method was cascaded as part of the initial process to take it further, with support and mentorship.

11 International: Bridging Ages International conference 4- 8 September 2017



Bridging Ages International 13th conference was held in Finland. It is annually rotated to different member countries, ie 25 countries are on board The Regional Council of Ostrobothnia, the host welcomed delegates warmly to Vaasa Finland.

Finland celebrated 100 years as an independent state 2017 and the conference was part of these festivities.

Delegates: J Mkhize and G Khan represented the Association

Presentation title: Applied Heritage in Building the Future: A creative tool for community building. Abstract below, was delivered by G Khan.

“ South Africa is still a traumatized society. Time Travel and Applied Heritage brings together the community and many professional to support dialogue and learning. Working together creates the ability to assist with community needs but also lays the basis for more sustained therapeutic interventions”



“The Time Travel at the conference focussed on the year 1917, when the question of how the new democracy would be implemented. Finland celebrated 100 years as an independent state in 2017. As it was in 1917, the question of nationalism, ethnicity and identity was debated. The question of how to create an equal world is as current now as it was then. What does democracy mean? Can it be understood in different ways? What is the role of

history and heritage in this? Can we attempt to use the past in order to make sense of our present circumstances? Based on the conference theme, innovative examples of how to discuss and reflect on democracy, nationalism, identity, ethnicity and unionism through heritage education and the Time Travel method was the key focus.” Annina This example informs that democracy was achieved in many countries, at different times.

Twinning Friends: Reconnecting with friends from Sweden



On 2 December 2017 , union representatives and anti-apartheid activists: **Kenneth Johansson and Madelene Engman Johansson** (left) together with a larger union delegation attended an international conference in Durban. The deep bond and commitment to our country, our friendship is alive even after decades.

Tormod Nasset and Paulin were warmly welcomed by the members at a special event in their honour. Tormod as the founder member of our twin partnership and chairperson of OSAK, expressed his appreciation. This was his first tour after two decades of voluntary work. Here, Daniel Malishe, a veteran twinning member welcomes him.

International Seminar in Kalmar, Sweden in honour of Ebbe Westergren – February 2018

A surprise invitation to attend a seminar to honour Ebbe Westergren in his retirement was welcomed. “**The Time Travel method- in the Service of Society and Its Development**” was week-long. Kalmar County Museum and Linnaeus University had jointly arranged this seminar in his honoured. Peter Aronsson, Vice Chancellor at Linnaeus University announces the Honorary Doctorate conferred at the seminar.



Temperatures of -17 degrees greeted Radikobo Ntsimane, Director of KZN Provincial Museum Services and Gulshera Khan, the two South Africa representatives.

Presentation at the seminar was based on the Group Areas Act of 1950. Kindly make reference on Bridges Ages Newsletter May 2018. Download a copy : www.bridgingages.com. A video tribute from our Association, gifts and a poem was developed in his honour.

Tribute to Ebbe Westergren



*A brilliant, creative mind
traversing from a country- to- country
town- to- town, village- to- village,
across continents too*

*He shared
gave credit to the forgotten
empowered and embraced our stories,
learned about us, our past, present and future.
made it come alive- a living heritage*

*He cascaded the Time Travel method,
gave recognition, brought togetherness and
focussed on the present and future contemporary topics*

*A holistic approach beyond education,
community building and
social cohesion*

You created a legacy that we shall follow

*Forever grateful
“ We will never forget even if we try “*

Port Shepstone Twinning Association

It was fitting to visit our twinning town, Oskarshamn, Sweden. This has inspired to continue the journey. New application for renewed twinning programmes were very much on the cards.

In conclusion, it has been our strong foundation, core volunteers, a dedicated board and collaborative programmes that sustained the work. Creative ideas on raising funds are welcomed.

In the words of Vice Chairperson, Thulas Mkhize:

“Twinning is an organisation that respects and recognises the potential in every person regardless of their status in the community, their race, age, and gender. Is a forerunner in social cohesion programmes. Twenty-five years volunteer programme, supporting heritage, education, and welfare of communities- a remarkable attribute”

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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