



LANGA JANUARY VISIT: Gordon and Rosina report

Whilst I've now been to Cape Town 10 times in 13 years, this was the first visit for four years owing to the COVID disruption. Our first meeting was with two representatives of the Newlands Rotary Club following which we were very well received in Langa, where we spent four days during 16 - 20 January.

We visited Nomonde Pre-School and each of the other five pre-schools which are in Langa's Ward 52 and also 31 members of the Langa Early Child Development Forum.

On one of the days an LTPT presentation was given to 17 people representing our Langa contact entities. The aim was to describe how LTPT works both in the UK and in RSA and to consider further the possibilities for establishing a headquarters for the Langa Early Child Development Forum, our SHOP project. This was followed by discussion, continuing over lunch.

We met two representatives of Vusa, the Rugby and Learning Academy set up by the Diocesan College (see Newsletter 35). Arising from the visit, at Nomonde we identified the maintenance needed.

Visiting the other five pre-schools in Ward 52 it was very encouraging to see evidence of local giving to improve infrastructures made since our last visit.

The Empowerment of Women

British Council, 'Empowering women and girls and achieving gender equality are crucial to creating inclusive, open and prosperous societies'.

Our work in Langa and particularly our recent visit has brought home the role of the Langa Pre-School movement in the drive to empower women. Better and more continuously fed young children aged 2 to 6 learn in a caring and secure environment, girls and boys



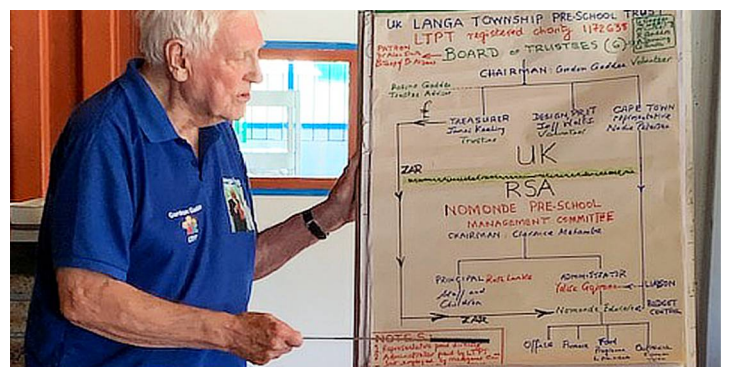
Succour (help) – who has ever lived a life without somehow being helped by somebody or something?

Hope who has lived a life without **hope** – that something will improve, or be achieved or whatever?

Optimism – however, where does optimism come from? **Help and hope** may not be enough; **optimism** happens when **hope** that something can be achieved is proven through **progress**

Progress – the visible evidence that Succour, giving people **hope** leading to **optimism** can be achieved through human endeavour.

Gordon 06/02/2023



Organogram. LTPT in the UK and RSA

being treated equally. The system is run mainly by women, in continuous training or fully trained, who gain much respect and gratitude for their work. The work supports single mums, mums who need to work and train and girls and boys looking after parentless families. This form of social enterprise is largely driven and served by women who are determined to provide a proper and sustainable learning situation for both girls and boys.

The One World Challenge

The One World Centre is an Isle of Man based registered charity linked with the USA based Clueit Foundation. Mr and Mrs Clueit live in the Isle of Man. For the past ten years the Centre has organised the above challenge, an opportunity for Year 12 students from the six secondary schools in the island to compete. Between 20 and 28 teams compete each year, several from each school. The first stage is a competition within each school to choose the representative for the school at the final held in March. The would - be competitor group studies information provided by the listed charities and choose whether there is one that it would like to represent and support.

LTPT was invited to be listed this year and, agreeing to this, material and references were provided, following which it was selected by the 12D tutorial group of the St Ninian's High School, shown in photo. With both an Upper and a Lower School, St Ninian's has 1250 students. We do not know how many groups will be competing at St Ninian's and will find out.

The aim of the competition is for the students, 'to create public awareness of their chosen charity and to develop an engaging and original presentation about the work of the charity overseas which has international development as its main aim'. A key theme is to be sustainability. The focus of the challenge is charities working in Africa. Of course, LTPT qualifies, which is why we were approached and then listed. Our contact with 12D is Amy McAlinden. Action to date has included: reference to our website, the despatch of my book 'Cape Town Stories' and carefully selected newsletters, and 300 of our 2022 Christmas cards and envelopes.

One of the challenges 12D face, as do we, is the question of sustainability. I have sent them a definition and some ideas as to how our work fits into the notion of sustainability. For example, 'build a child, build a nation'; early child development; developing and sustaining infrastructure; sandy waste to micro-farms and the Nomonde garden; repairing guttering, putting in down pipes, and two water tanks, this an enormous boon to the pre-school and neighbours in an area which is seasonally drought stricken.

Then we have our current SHOP project – Succour – Hope – Optimism – Progress. They will have plenty of ideas and material to draw on.



Finance: Christmas cards



The 2022 Christmas card prompted around £1,000 in donations. The 2022 card stock, a print of 1000, had run to meet a couple of late orders. The photo shows happy children at Nomonde waving the 2022 Christmas card and we may use this as the cover for the 2023 card.

Photos from our January visit – Our reception

On our first day we were joyfully and graciously greeted respectively by the six Ward 52 Pre-Schools and members of the Langa Early Child Development Forum.



Ward 52 members meeting us at Nomonde Pre-School 16th January



Langa ECD members meeting us in the Langa Library 16th January



*Gordon chatting with Clarence Mahamba
Eziko Training School 17 January*



Listening earnestly at Forum meeting 16th January

Photos from our January visit – Presentation



LTPT Presentation at Eziko 17th January 2023

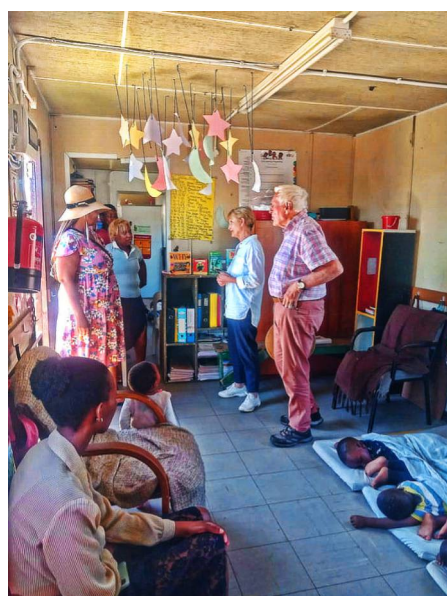


Organogram showing 6 stages of LTPT's work 2011 - projected to 2026

Photos from our January visit – Around the Pre-Schools



Sleep time for some!



Inside Little Angels Pre-School, a consultation

Times	Daily Programme Activities
07:00-08:00	Arrival / Screening
08:00-08:45	Morning ring & Topic
08:45-09:30	Breakfast
09:30-09:45	Toilet routine
09:45-10:30	Educational Time
10:30-11:00	Snack Time
11:00-11:20	Free Play
11:20-11:45	Toilet routine
11:45-12:30	Lunch Break
12:30-13:00	Free Indoor Choice Play
13:00-14:30	Nap / Rest Time
14:30-14:45	Tidy Up Time
14:45-15:10	Toilet routine
15:10-15:30	Music/dance Session
15:30-15:45	Toddler's Exercise Session
15:45-16:00	Rap Up Time
16:00-16:20	Educational Games
16:20-16:45	Feedback Time
16:45-17:00	Departure

The ten-hour daily schedule, typical of all these pre-schools

Photos from our January visit – Around the Pre-Schools



A Happy Scene at Illitha Pre-School



Line up of the loos at Illitha Pre-School



Books and visual aids in Isi Xhosa and English at Eluxoweni



... And finally in Nomonde Pre-School Office ...“Knackered” on 20th January

Photos from our January visit – Pre-School Improvements

Evidence of important local support to improve pre-schools



Important changes **not** funded by LTPT: (L –R, Top to bottom)

Improved play area at Little Angels

Lathitha Pre-School fencing

New classroom at Nomonde Pre-School

A visit from the local mobile library at Nomonde Pre-School

Eluxoweni Pre-School, good decoration but needs flood protection

New Office at Illitha Pre-School - internal

Illitha Pre-School improvement - external



Finance: Donations

“Hello Gordon

I received a letter from you today thanking me, or should I say my daughter, for her donation of £13.71 to the UK Langa Township Preschool Trust. I was impressed to have received this letter- not many charities do this!

You asked how we came to know about your charity. We spent Christmas this year in Cape Town staying with family. We visited Langa and it made an impression on all of our hearts. My daughter wants to help when we returned to the UK and she organised a little lucky dip at a Christmas party with some toys she no longer wanted, and asked for donations.

I am impressed with all the work you are doing for Langa and would like to order two tickets to your fundraiser on 29 March in Berkhamsted please. It just so happens we live close by, in St Albans, so it is easy for us to attend. Many thanks for making contact, and for the work you do for children in Langa.

All good wishes

Angela Johnson”



Last Christmas, Jessica on top of Table Mountain

‘SHOP’ Project 2022-2025

This was reported last October in Issue 43. Our Cape Town visit confirmed the need for a permanent office for the Langa Early Child Development Forum, ideally linking with a pre-school facility, which is the aim of our SHOP Project. A separate infrastructure fund is being set up; a feasibility study is underway; we are identifying interest and sponsorship in Cape Town; we are taking expert opinion; the Langa ECD Forum is searching for a site or a suitable building for conversion. It is all very encouraging but there is a long way to go yet!

Early Notice

The LTPT 2023 Spring Appeal, to be launched 1 April, will focus on children and the empowerment of women and aim to raise money to support the LTPT SHOP Project.

Recent Events

Three recent events, Music and Gin at The Gatsby, the annual Marchmont Arms Christmas Festival Dinner and Schmelvis at The Mazza, have been successful contributing £2,300 to LTPT funds.

Future Events

29 March

Al Nicholls returns for 'Gin and Jazz at The Gatsby' in Berkhamsted. Cocktails followed by 3 course dinner and Al Nicholls Quartet; £49

28 June

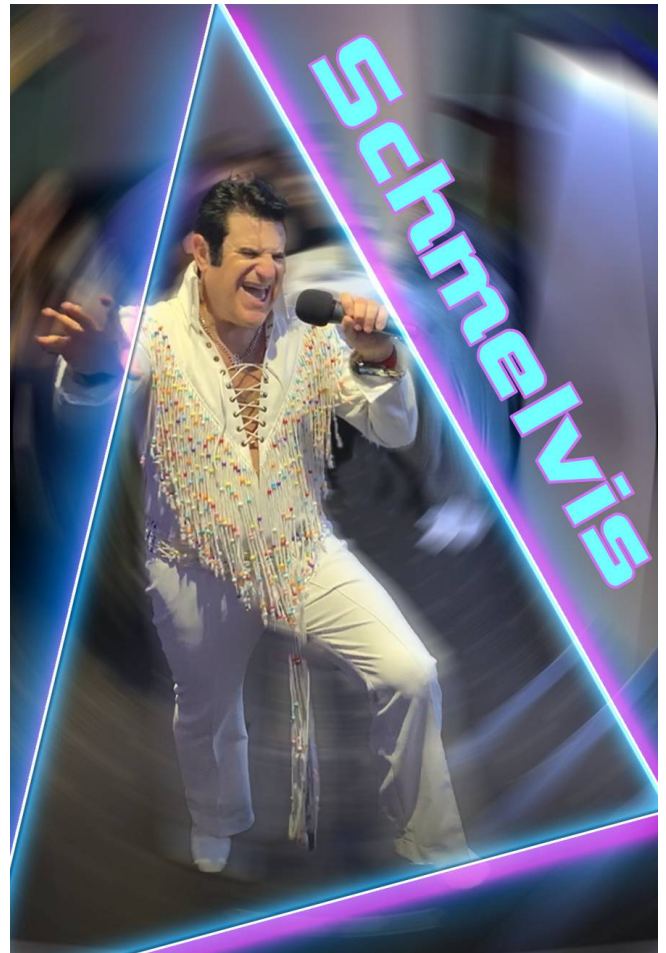
'Nightcall Duo at The Gatsby' with their very popular '70s & '80s. Cocktails followed by 3 course dinner; £49

25 October

Ricky Lopez, of Palladium & TV fame as Schmelvis, brings us popular Swing and Pop at The Gatsby. Cocktails followed by 3 course dinner; £49

1 December

Annual LTPT Christmas Festival Dinner at The Marchmont Arms in Hemel Hempstead.



Schmelvis, alive and singing at The Mazza



At The Gatsby, Al Nicholls resting his saxophone

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