What is this project about?

The Women's Circle (TWC) is a non-profit organization (NPO) that aims to empower women in low-income areas by providing assistance with education and career development. The UCT Knowledge Co-op was able to connect the skills offered by the Honours Outreach and Community Involvement Programme (HOCIP) based in the Information Systems (IS) department to TWC.

Luyanda Mhlauli & Ishe Madzime, IS Honours students helped TWC develop a functioning website and train a group of members with basic computer literacy skills.

The process

In the first meeting between the two students, TWC and the UCT Knowledge Co-op, contextual information was shared and a clear set of deliverables were established.

Thereafter, the students and the representative from TWC determined a working schedule for website development and group training. The training sessions were conducted at various venues in UCT.

The students volunteered approximately 30 hours each.

The service was completed in October, 2013.

Computer literacy – a door to opportunity

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The Knowledge Co-op at the University of Cape Town

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