

PROJECT PORTRAIT

Computer Skills Training to Primary School Learners
#120 (2014)

What is this project about?

A non-government organization called “Teens not Curses” (TnC) aims to uplift youth in Gugulethu through various activities that build their self-esteem. Still a young organisation, TnC operates under the supervision of Nokuphumla (Lolie) Sneli.

Lolie approached the Co-op expressing the need for Computer Literacy skills amongst learners. The Co-op assisted in arranging for UCT Information Systems Honours students to teach these skills to a group of grade seven learners at a school in Gugulethu.

Matilda Foli, Masupha Letsie, Jashoda Munill and Mayur Panchal from the Information Systems (IS) Honours Outreach & Community Involvement Programme (HOCIP) took on this project during the first semester of 2014.

The process

The Knowledge Co-op introduced the TnC project manager to the students and helped clarify what was to be done and how to go about it. The school selected 30 learners for the project.

The UCT students participated in one hour sessions on a Friday, within which they provided IT skills outside of the school curriculum. The focus was on learning skills while having fun. This contact time also allowed the HOCIP students to facilitate positive interactions with the learners.

Each UCT student dedicated various amounts of time to this project up to **May 2014**.



Matilda Foli with learners

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