



SMILE

Conversational English Literacy Programme Annual Report

10 October 2017

SMILE: Nineteen years and counting!

Uplands Outreach is delighted to present this annual report, celebrating the 2017 achievements of the SMILE Conversational English Literacy Programme, now in its 19th year at Uplands.

The SMILE programme builds bridges between two communities of learners in Mpumalanga: Uplands College pupils and Maqamela Primary School learners. Through the love of English and conversation, the programme builds confidence in rural Grade 4 learners, while developing leadership and service skills in pupils from Uplands College.

SMILE gives young people from both communities the opportunity to learn about service and friendship - and through this work, we are able to join hands to build a stronger South Africa.



SMILE'S CORE OBJECTIVE: Creating a community mind-set by learning English together on a peer-to-peer basis (while having fun!) is the core SMILE objective.





☺ The cohort of Grade 4 learners from Maqamela scored **61.3%** on their baseline test of conversational English at the beginning of the year. The summative test in September 2017 produced an average mark of **73.6%**, which is an improvement of **12.3 percentage points**. This is a terrific result!

☺ A total of **eighty-two Grade 4 learners** from Maqamela participated in 2017.

☺ **28 Uplands pupils** registered at the beginning of 2017 and participated in SMILE throughout the year.

☺ In total, **21 SMILE sessions** were held in 2017 with Uplands pupils and Maqamela learners.

☺ 'Bongi the Rhino' books were handed out to each learner, and the story was read aloud by Mama V.

☺ Three teachers/facilitators, one intern from the L4E programme, three volunteers (including two volunteers from North Carolina (USA) who visited the programme during Term 2), 120 students, two schools, and two communities continued to be inspired and touched by the SMILE programme.

It has been another awesome journey with Maqamela learners and Uplands College pupils this year. A key person in this was Sharon van Reenen who made it always possible for SMILE to run so smoothly. The Uplands pupils were on the ball, they knew what to do with the Maqamela learners during their lesson interactions. The contact sessions held this year also yielded good results, in that the learners were able to create a play on Rhino Poaching using English as the second language. I have enjoyed working with everyone.

~ **Violah Moya (Mama V), Uplands Outreach**

My favourite part of SMILE was seeing the children's English and confidence improve at the same time.

~ **Uplands College Pupil**

This year I truly did experience the children's progress in our programme and I developed very close relationships with some of the kids I worked with. We were able to communicate and get along. Best part – the party at Maqamela - my heart was genuinely moved. It was heart-warming seeing the kids perform the skit on rhino poaching, all their dances, and especially hearing their poems.

~ **Uplands College Pupil**

I would like to thank the Uplands teachers (pupils) for teaching me how to write and speak English. Thank you for the Rhino books.

~ **Maqamela Learner**

Thank you all for helping us to learn English. I can now smile because of the SMILE programme. SMILE gives us hope and is stress free. We learned how to match colours when colouring. Thanks for giving us sweets before we leave. Thank you Uplands Outreach.

~ **Maqamela Learner**





SMILE Budget 2017

Preliminary Reconciliation: 10 October 2017

	Budget	Actual Oct 2017
INCOME		
Balance carried forward from 2016, as per AFS	121,109.39	121,109.39
Donation received on 5 January 2017: Peoples Family and Friends	3,873.43	3,873.43
Donation received on 3 February 2017: Makro	20,000.00	20,000.00
Total Income	144,982.82	144,982.82
EXPENSES		
Transport - 22 sessions x R1,325 taxi fare	29,150.00	24,533.10
Catering	5,500.00	3,614.64
Materials, books (Bongi the Rhino)	0.00	4,056.61
Project Facilitator costs	6,000.00	6,000.00
Project Contingency	0.00	0.00
Project Management: (20% of new donations)	4,774.68	4,774.68
Total Expenses	45,424.68	42,979.03
SURPLUS (to be carried forward into 2018)	99,558.14	102,003.79



Thank you!



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Reach out and help with SMILE 2018!

Crayons, Pencils, Marie biscuits, Smarties, Sour Worms, any other sweet treats, A4 laminating pouches, Flipfiles, and Name Badges are all needed. Cash contributions for catering and transport costs are most welcome ☺



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