



African Legend Newsletter

Our First Issue

Dear Members

African Legend has ventured in some new and exciting directions in 2013 and we have so much to be happy about. If you share in the belief that every child has the right to a great education, we hope you'll take a few minutes to catch up with us.

We would love it, if you could take a few moments and join the discussions on our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#) pages.

We hope you enjoy this issue!

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Watch out for our next issue, We will be talking more about our Sponsor A Child Initiative and hope to fill you in with more detail of our exciting upcoming Youth Festival.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

Nelson Mandela

I, can change the world

Most mornings, around 400,000 teachers rise up and take their place at 1 of the 25,000 public schools in South Africa. These teachers play a vital role in touching the lives of an overall 12 million learners in the country – a teacher to learner ratio of 1:32.

They have one thing in common: their passion to develop a future nation that is educated and empowered. Sadly, behind these numbers lie some tragic realities of what they confront daily.

After a 40-year apartheid education system where only white learners received a quality education, South Africa has been handed an overflow of imbalances, and rectifying this is proving to be an immeasurable task.



Government spending on education per child in 1982

Black child	R146
Coloured child	R498
Indian child	R771
White child	R1211



The Education Crisis

Today, the South African education authorities use the matric pass rate as a significant marker of what is happening at schools. However, with a 73.9% matric pass rate in 2012, the fail rate of learners continues to prevail. South Africa's high dropout rate, low literacy and numeracy levels of primary school learners, poor teacher training, and the lack of support for learners at their homes confirm that we are facing a colossal education crisis.

The crisis is not only prevalent in the quality of education provided to learners, but we must consider quantity too, as the majority of the country's learners attend schools that are highly under-resourced. Many South African learners have not set foot into a science lab, do not have sufficient classrooms, desks or textbooks, at some schools, male and female learners are expected to share the same pit toilets, and according to education analyst Graeme Bloch, 92% of public schools still do not have libraries.

Furthermore, with an accepted norm that only literate and educated learners will be successful in obtaining jobs, the current South African youth unemployment rate of 48.2% creates a ticking time bomb for a generation of young, beautiful minds.

There is a notion that as a morally good nation, our first duty is to take a stand against this crisis, to voice our concerns to the education authorities and to come together and embrace those learners that are affected most.

Our Story

African Legend embarked on our journey eight years ago, we believed that we could support learners from the poorest of the poor areas; we started our first project in Bo-Kaap, Cape Town and soon after designed educational programmes for learners that have proven to be highly successful. We impact learners by providing them with an opportunity to achieve real and tangible success, where we focus on:

- Increasing the number of learners who pass each year
- Promoting access to learners to youth support programmes, science experiments, sports and cultural events
- Organising visits to science centres, museums and businesses in different industries to allow learners to see the application of school subjects in the real world

What started as one afternoon class at the Vista High School for Grade 12 learners became our most humbling milestone. Since then, we have grown against all odds.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

Martin Luther King Jr, I Have a Dream

Today the same **“I, can change the world,”** approach is the golden thread that connects our people. With a total of twenty-two dedicated volunteer teachers, we continually strive to soar to new heights. Our presence and gift of extra classes at no cost to parents continues through our work. With the support of our amazing partners and the communities we work in, we are able to do what we do best, engage learners to achieve success.

Do you want to change the world?

This is the time. NOW is the time.

Our South African learners are the future

Our promise to you

African Legend signed the Independent Code of Governance for Non-Profit Organisations in South Africa to show our unwavering commitment to good governance and conducting charity work in an ethical manner.

We are committed to comply with and give full effect to the Principles, values, and guidelines, which constitute the Independent Code of Governance for NPOs in South Africa, in accordance with its intent and purpose.





African Legend's Educational and Skills Development programmes

African Legend has developed five programmes under the extraordinary leadership of Delphin Maloba; these programmes are aimed at supporting underprivileged learners with an opportunity to engage in:

- Extra Classes
- Maths & Physics Experiments
- Educational Excursions
- Sport Programmes
- Youth Festivals

**“He, who opens a school door,
closes a prison.”**

Victor Hugo

Extra Classes

Our focus is to decrease the fail rate of learners and significantly improve the quality of education in poverty-stricken areas. We bring Grade 7 to 12 learners from different schools and communities together to attend weekly extra classes where they receive support with their homework and we help to prepare learners for their upcoming examinations. The lists of subjects that we support are flexible and depend solely on the needs of learners, schools, and communities.



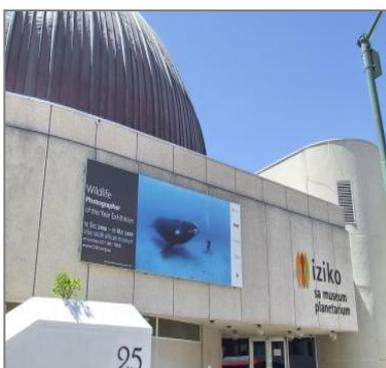
Maths and Physics Experiments

In 2011, Dr Wim Fuls voluntarily introduced science experiments to his classes with underprivileged learners. As a result, the pass rate of his regularly attending learners drastically increased. We continue to provide practical and hands-on application of Maths and Science experiments to stimulate interest in these subjects.



Central Library in Cape Town

Thanks to the Central Library in Cape Town, African Legend has been able to provide programmes at the library. These services provide our learners with access to electronic resources, magazines and journals, programme information-retrieval skills, lifelong learning and storytelling.



Educational Excursions

African Legend believes that Educational Excursions are a way to improve the educational spectrum available to underprivileged learners in Cape Town. The visiting of science centres, museums, and businesses in different industries provides an essential element for learners to practically apply knowledge and see the results of their education in the real world. Educational excursions together with experiments not only stimulate basic scientific understanding, but also provide room for pupils to visualise their future career aspirations.



Sports Programme

Sports creates a fertile ground to stimulate social interaction between youth, it builds their ability to work in teams, improves their self-confidence, and provides them with an environment where positive values flourish. In March 2010, we created a sports programme for high school learners in Delft. Our sports activities include Soccer and Rugby matches.



Youth Festivals

Our Youth festivals allow learners to channel their energies towards art and culture. We bring learners together and facilitate performances in poetry, music, and dance. In February 2009, African Legend became a member of the Muizenberg Cape Town Youth Festival committee and our learners had an opportunity to perform in the ARTAPART production.

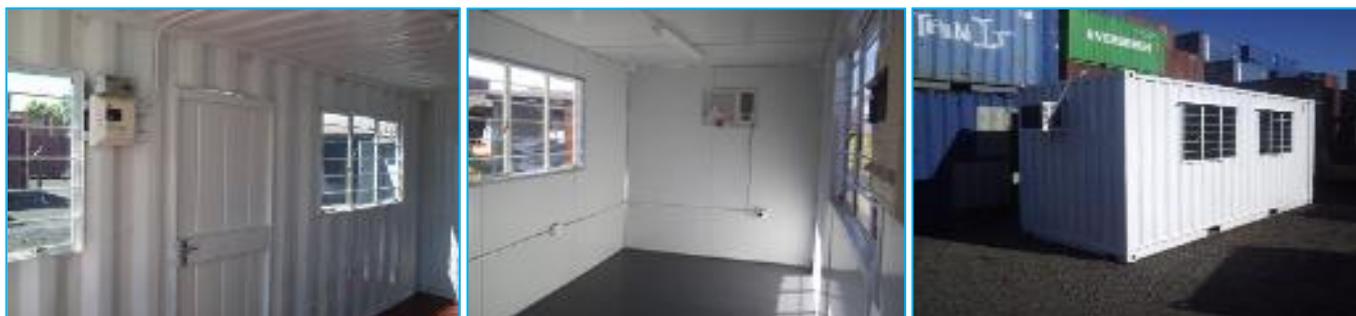
“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbour. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Behind the scenes...

African Legend has many exciting plans for 2013 and we would like to keep you posted on our new projects.

We currently offer extra classes in Du Noon, Cape Town, and face the challenge of finding available facilities. Suzakhe, a community organisation in Du Noon, have offered us a container in the afternoon that we used as a classroom. However, due to other youth activities, the container must be shared. **We decided to create our own classroom facility this year to ensure regular classes without limitations. A container converted into a classroom is the best solution! We are currently raising funds for this container, with your added support; we will be able to make this possible.**



Dr Edgardis Garlin from the Centre for Multilingualism in Early Childhood Development presented two KIKUS seminars in Hout Bay, Cape Town this year. **The KIKUS programme was designed to teach young children a second language.** During the seminars, it became evident how relevant the programme is to primary school learners as the programme allowed learners to integrate their home language into the learning process.

We are also in partnership with **Wordworks, an organisation that aims at strengthening the early literacy and language development of children.** Many learners do not possess the required English language skills to cope at school, so KIKUS and Wordworks are ideal language programmes to develop English and literacy skills from an early age. It entails a weekly small-group language lesson during which visual and other targeted language exercises are used to improve the learner's use of vocabulary and expression in a second language. **We are very excited to start our new pilot project at primary schools in Hout Bay, Du Noon, and Delft.**



Legend of the term

African Legend is proud to award the Legend of the Term to Linda Wayithi.

"To be inspired is great, to inspire is incredible."

Linda Wayiti is a high spirited and amazing ex-African Legend learner, who attended our Accounting classes in Du Noon religiously. Even then, Linda believed that she was going to achieve great things. Linda matriculated in 2011 and was accepted at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. In her first year of study, she received a Distinction in Accounting. She continues to visit the African Legend classes and acts as a role model to our learners. Every time she tells her story, the learners' faces light up. As you know, we cannot teach our learners hope, but Linda offers that special kind of encouragement that helps learners to believe that they too can achieve their dreams. We wish Linda every success in the years ahead.



We need you!

At African Legend, we believe that we all have a part to play and we hope that you have a community development programme to engage in, we included our social code, it is simple, and it allows for easy participation for all stakeholders.

LEARNERS...

Attend school daily. Take your work seriously. Respect your teachers, parents and build positive relationships with your fellow learners. Take care of your school buildings and resources, and take pride in your school.

PARENTS...

Remain informed about what is happening at your child's school. Be sure to receive regular reports. Voice your concerns to the education authorities if the standard school policies are not clear or well governed. Get involved, support your child with their homework, and prepare them for upcoming examinations.

BUSINESSES...

Open your doors to learners as much as possible. Provide them with an opportunity to see the application of school subjects in the real world. Allow them to aspire to greater heights and to understand how best to manage their career goals.

VOLUNTEER NOW...

We always need teachers, accountants, scientists, and soccer and rugby coaches to join us and provide additional mentorship in financial literacy, maths and science experiments, accounting workshops, and

sports coaching. If you believe that you are that person, we hope that you will contact us soon.

You can support us by assisting us with a small donation to cover the taxi fare costs of our volunteer teachers to the learning points or a Gift-in-Kind for our learners as indicated on the **African Legend Wish List**.





Actions.Speak.Louder.

Without the support of the communities we work in, our dedicated volunteers, our reliable partners and our wonderful donors, we would not have had an incredible year in 2012. A huge thanks to every organisation and individual that helped African Legend fulfil its mandate.

If you would like to get involved, you can get started by following the links provided or simply contact us if you would like to become an African Legend donor. Your contribution will go a long way to help our learners acquire the educational and development skills programmes they need.

We hope that you will continue to support us in 2013. We have teamed up with charity organisations like GivenGain, doit4charity, Greater Good SA and backabuddy who collect donations for our cause.

We wish Chelsia Lorence strong legs and the very best in the Comrades Marathon 2013. Thank you so much Chelsia for selecting us on doit4charity as the charity to sponsor.



Legends and Kin

Something to think about as winter sets in,
Is the hard work of Legends and Kin.
We toil away every year and every day,
To give a child a chance for they,
Are the future of this beautiful land?
What we need is merry band.
We need support and a helping hand!
All we ask is for a small donation from you,
To get our teachers to class in Delft and Du Noon.
Travelling back and forth is a costly affair,
But we do it because we really do care.
Also think of us as the Cape Town rain patters down
We need to keep our learners warm to avoid a frown,
Old blankets and warm clothes will do,
And maybe something warm for the tummy too.
Milo and tea will do the trick,
And will also provide them with a little kick!
This is all we ask,
To carry on with our worthy task.



-by Nadine Schlebusch

Volunteer or Donate Now

African Legend's Banking Details

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Name: African Legend
Account No: 270948589
Branch Code: 020909
SWIFT address: SBZAZAJJ

Donations are tax deductible in terms of Section 18(A) of the Income Tax Act of South Africa

For more information on how to become a donor, kindly contact Katja at katja@africanlegend.org.za

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world."

Howard Zinn

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