

NEWSLETTER

SEVEN PASSES INITIATIVE NEWSLETTER: 2024 SECOND QUARTER EDITION

Dear seven passes Initiative community

In this edition we bring you a vibrant overview of recent developments at Seven Passes Initiative that highlight our commitment to community enrichment and educational excellence. From our successful George July fundraiser at The Apprentice, where guests enjoyed a dazzling evening of fashion, live music by Ettiene Steyn, and thrilling Stick-horse racing, to our engaging summer holiday programmes hosted by our Aftercare and Lifeskills Education team. Notably, we are thrilled to have had 6 talented interns from the D-Lab programme at Inkubeko Science Centre, enhancing our educational and social support initiatives in Touwsrante, and so much more. These initiatives underscore our dedication to fostering safe communities and providing equal opportunities for children and families. Stay tuned for more updates and inspiring stories from Seven Passes Initiative

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Science and Fun: How Seven Passes Initiative and Inkcubeko Science Centre Collaboration Brought Learning to Life this past quarter

On the 19th of April, 2024, the Seven Passes Initiative teamed up with Inkcubeko Science Centre to host a dynamic Science Show at Touwsrante Die Hoogte Church, designed to spark interest in Maths, Science, and science-related careers among local youth. The event drew over 80 primary and high school students who were captivated by engaging experiments led by Tshego, including interactive demonstrations like creating fire from steel wool and batteries, a 'safe' bomb, and more. The excitement of these hands-on activities inspired the students to request a visit to the Inkcubeko Science Centre during their holiday break for further exploration of science and technology. This led to a follow-up visit to Inkcubeko Science Centre in June, where the students participated in their holiday program, and Inkcubeko Science Centre's team returned to Touwsrante to experience our holiday program. Both visits featured more fun science experiments that continued to stimulate learning and development for the youth in both communities. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Inkcubeko Science Centre and look forward to nurturing a long-lasting, mutually beneficial relationship.



Celebrating Success: Touwsil Market Community Dialogue

We are delighted to share the success of our recent collaboration with Touwsil market, which was held on the 4th of May 2024. We raised vital funds for our programs while engaging children and families in a memorable, fun-filled event. The highlight was a spectacular performance by our drumming youth club, Touwsrhythm Drummers, which captivated attendees and left everyone clamoring for more. In addition to the entertainment, we offered gently used clothes for sale, hosted games, and organized enjoyable competitions suitable for the whole family. We extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous donors; all proceeds contributed directly to supporting the costs of our Seven Passes programs.



Reflecting on our successful Parent's Dinner Event

We are excited to share that on the 17th of April 2024, we held a successful Parent's Dinner attended by 38 parents from the Touwsrante community. The Aftercare, Life Skills Education, and Positive Parenting teams came together to engage with the parents, providing updates on current programs, discussing challenges and successes, and exploring collaborative ways to address issues. This event offered parents new insights into available services, informed them about the challenges faced in aftercare, and celebrated the achievements of both programs. It also gave our staff the opportunity to recruit for the Positive Parenting programs and express our gratitude for the local parents' ongoing support and involvement in SPI initiatives.



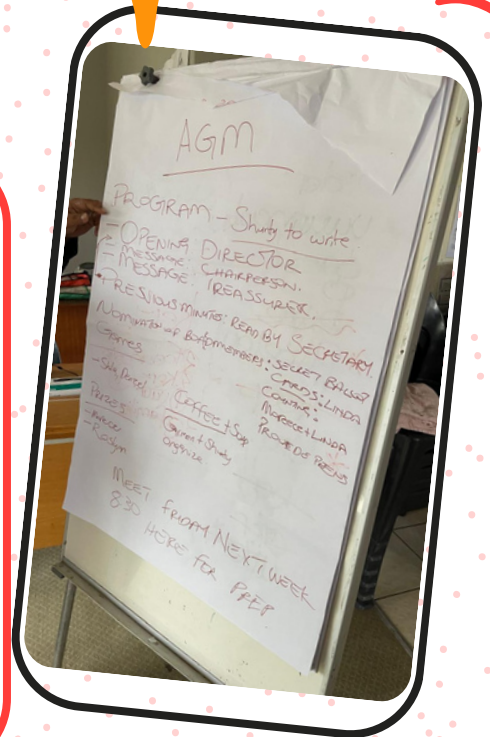
Welcoming D-Lab Interns to Seven Passes Initiative

We are excited to announce the arrival of 6 dynamic interns from the D-Lab programme at Inkubeko Science Centre, who will be joining our Aftercare and Lifeskills Education Programme. This new collaboration not only highlights our commitment to diversity but also enhances our English education and social support initiatives in Touwsrante. We are thankful for the infusion of new energy that expands our efforts in creating safe communities and providing equal opportunities for children and families in Touwsrante.



Seven Passes Initiative AGM: Celebrating Achievements and Looking Forward

On May 25, 2024, the Board, Staff, community, and Seven Passes Initiative came together to reflect on our achievements during the 2024 financial year. We were inspired by reports from various departments highlighting 92,836 impactful interventions and discussing ongoing challenges. The highlight of the gathering was the election of three new board members: Shuriska Stuurman, Sharon Appels, and Cheryl Pietersen. As we look ahead, we are eager to continue serving our local communities in the coming year and extend our heartfelt gratitude to all our donors for their unwavering support.





• Doodle - Donate - Attend

We are thrilled to announce the Night of a 1000 Drawings, hosted by the Wilderness Arts Association and SPI's talented youth and children on 17 October 2024. Join us for an evening of creativity where all proceeds from the sale of doodles will benefit the Seven Passes Initiative programs. You can support this event by creating your own art, making a donation, or attending to purchase unique artworks. Your involvement will help fund essential programs and celebrate the power of art and community. We look forward to seeing you there!



Positive Parenting Celebrations

In the last quarter, our Positive Parenting Programme in Rhenedaal and Thembaletu has celebrated remarkable progress. Parents eagerly committed to implementing principles from our 'Parenting for Life Long Learning' programmes, demonstrating a strong dedication to their children's development. The recent celebrations were a testament to their achievements, providing a platform to share successes and foster community spirit. Moving forward, we are enthusiastic about expanding our programme's impact, empowering more parents to create nurturing environments where children can thrive. We extend our gratitude to all participants and supporters whose dedication continues to drive positive change in our communities.



Winter Holiday Fun with Seven Passes Initiative and Inkubeko Science Centre Youth

During the June/July holiday break, our Aftercare and Lifeskills education team orchestrated an engaging and vibrant holiday programme for primary and high school learners. A special highlight was our collaboration with Inkubeko Science Centre, where learners participated in thrilling games, conducted educational experiments to test local water quality, and enjoyed a visit to the science centre itself. Additionally, the activities included community clean-ups, sporting events like netball, chess, and pool, all complemented by nutritious meals provided to every attending child. This holiday season was a testament to our commitment to educational enrichment and community engagement.



The George July Fundraiser 2024

On July 6th, we celebrated another successful edition of our annual fundraiser, The George July, hosted this year at The Apprentice. The event was a spectacular gathering of our community, adorned in their finest attire, and highlighted by a live performance from Ettiene Steyn. Adding to the festivities, we hosted the Miss South Cape Teen competition, offered wine tastings from 13 esteemed wineries, and indulged in cigars. The highlight of the evening was the thrilling Stick-horse (hobby horse) racing event. We extend our deepest gratitude to all our sponsors and attendees whose contributions made the event truly memorable. Mark your calendars for next year's event on July 6, 2025 — we look forward to seeing you there!

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