



Writers for Peace

Writers for Peace is a unique project that celebrates the creative power that exists within the hearts and spirits of young people living in war zones.

This project is viewed as the light that challenges the dominance of darkness in the lives of communities in war torn spaces of hopelessness. The light that one candle shares with other candles, does not diminish its own light but instead, it has the power to multiply light with equal energy.

The pilot phase targeted high schools in the Hanover Park and surrounding areas. Hanover Park is identified as one of the most dangerous townships on the Cape Flats with children and young people particularly vulnerable.

The project aims to demonstrate that it is possible to get a group of committed young people with a reasonable grasp of English and a high school level of writing and reading ability to produce a compilation book of peace and hope.

Leaners attended a series of workshops taking them through a journey of introspection, verbalisation and creative writing. They were empowered to share their stories and, more importantly, to understand that their voices matter and that their lives have meaning beyond their often horrific lived experiences.

Community Chest will officially launch the compilation book in Cape Town close to the Human Rights Day public holiday.

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