

Project descriptions

2013

Peace Day project

More than 50 awarenet learners from 5 schools participated in the Peace Day project. They wrote the lyrics and melodies of their songs about peace and awarenet by themselves and presented one song per school at the end of the project on the 18th of September 2013. Corinne Cooper, Lunga Heleni and Zukani Budaza trained the learners aged between 12 to 15 in song writing and song composition for 7 weeks. Finally Ntaba Maria School won the first prize for the best Peace Day song of 2013. They received their own music video shot on the 2nd of October 2013, produced by Deon Petersen. Furthermore all the songs in the competition are recorded by Corinne Cooper who will also produce the CDs at the Rhodes recording studio.

Links: <http://awarenet.eu/projects/2013-awarenet-Peace-Day-Music-Project>
<http://awarenet.eu/gallery/awarenet-Peace-Day-Celebration-2013>

AwareYet? Project

A group of Journalism and Media Studies students from Rhodes University Grahamstown worked together with the awarenet programme for a few weeks. They have been working the fourth term together with the Grade 8 and 9 at C.M Vellem School, visited the awarenet sessions and helped the children by using awarenet. The learners had to write blogs about their digital life, their role model and the journalism students taught them in writing poems and using comparisons. At the end of the project "AwareYet?" the journalism students created a video and a newspaper to promote the awarenet programme.

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/projects/AwareYet-q->

About Germany

In our project about Germany we first let them do a research about some general facts about Germany. In the weeks that followed we played the German sports game "Völkerball" with them and showed them three music videos from "Die Ärzte" and "Seeed". They had to answer a forum discussion about prejudices and gossip based on the lyrics of "Lasse redn" (Die Ärzte). In our last session we showed them some pictures of our German Christmas traditions and celebrations, showed them a video about our German Christmas markets and let them write a blog about their Christmas traditions in the Eastern Cape. In the end everybody got typical German Christmas cookies called "Vanillekipferl" which we baked for them.

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/projects/About-Germany>

Inkululeko

In the Inkululeko project we worked together with Matthew and his volunteers. In our first session we divided the learners in two groups and had a little competition who will make the more delicious African salad. In the following weeks we let them write blogs about their role models, which everybody presented in front of the class. In our last session we showed them three music videos and had a discussion about prejudices.

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/gallery/Inkululeko-African-salad>

Scifest

This year Sci fest was called "On the Move" held on the 13-19 March 2013. We once again had the opportunity to show case awarenet at the Sci fest 2013. We displayed our laptops to show exactly what awarenet was about. Lots of schools from right over South Africa visit Sci fest and visits to the awarenet stand was well attended. We showed and explain to teachers how awarenet worked. The learners from the different schools had the opportunity to work on awarenet giving some commentary on how they enjoyed the Sci fest so far. We took lots of photos and put them on awarenet. We also got Contact details from the different schools visiting our stand maybe for future purposes. At the Sci fest The Life player project was presented by the VG girls, they worked two together to present the project telling people more what the project was about and what it involved. The learners and teachers were very interested in the life player and enjoyed the whole set up around the life player. They even had the chance to try out the life player and listen to the story recordings. The teachers of the schools were directed to the British Council next to us to get more info on the life player. The Sci fest and the presenting of the Life Player was a great success!

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/projects/Scifest-On-The-Move-Grahamstown-2013>

The Life Player Project

The LifePlayer project is a collaboration of the British Council, the South African Department of Basic Education, the Victoria Girls High School awarenet group and Rhodes Drama, Digital Arts and Journalism students to produce teaching and learning resources to help with English Literacy at the Primary School level.

Voluntary groups teamed up to record children's poems, stories and songs for loading onto the Life Player. The VG girls each got a chance to record their own story on the life players. The life player project was also presented at this year Sci fest, the life players were demonstrated by the VG girls and it attracted quite a few people to see what it was all about.

In the third term the VG girls had the opportunity to teach some of their stories they placed on the life player at C.M Vellem Grade 5 it was a great learning experience what teaching was all about!

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/projects/Life-Player>

The awarenet youth fun run

On the 14 June we had the awarenet youth fun run celebrating Youth day which is usually on the 16 June. The fun run was held at Ntsika Secondary School where over 9 schools participated in this event. A 2km loop was run in and around Ntsika over 400 took part in this run. A variety of donations we donated to the fun run where the top 5 boys and girls each received a cash prize.

This is the second year running of the awarenet Project.

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/moblog/A-successful-awarenet-youth-fun-run>

The Fundanawe Project (meaning to learn)

-This project was run by Ms Frans at C.M Vellem, the aim of this project was to help improve the learners English Language Skills which was found to be a struggle in most of the schools. In this project the learners we taught how to write formal letters, motivational letters, write reviews on story books they have read and just many more to mention. This project had a positive feedback from English teachers saying that the learners English skills Improved rapidly!

Link: <http://awarenet.eu/projects/Fundanawe-Project>