



Tushiyah participates in Unisa's Chance 2 Advance Programme

Tushiyah has been privileged to contribute to one of the most significant educational growth initiatives in recent history in South Africa.

The University of South Africa (Unisa), generally a distance-learning institution, embarked on a campaign to encourage learning from the ground up in underprivileged communities all over South Africa. The learning programme is remarkable not only because it is free, but because of the vast spectrum of subject matter covered. It is only when one looks at the entire curriculum that you realise the potential spin-offs and impact that the programme has for a great many less educated people – and the programme is fully funded by Unisa.

The overall objective of the programme is to inspire people to make learning a constant part of their daily lives, constantly advancing their own capacity to grow – as persons and as students. Practical subject matter that improves understanding of everyday life and business practices has found enormous appeal with its audiences. Some of the courses are offered by Unisa lecturers and others by experts sub-contracted by Unisa. This is how Tushiyah came to participate in the programme – by presenting on subject matter that helps people to understand some of the many ways in which to participate constructively in the South African economy.

The Chance 2 Advance programme prepares to service the community of Phoenix in KwaZulu-Natal during the remainder of 2014 and has been internationally **recognized as a best practice in Knowledge Mobilization**. Over 50 000 members of the public have participated in Chance 2 Advance initiatives and over 100 communities have been reached across South Africa. Thus the programme has offered over 400 free workshops to diverse communities. As a result participants are getting employed, starting their own businesses and dealing effectively with social justice issues.



Image 1 Diepsloot Training: Idea generations and Entrepreneurship

Marisa Truter, a director at Tushiyah Advisory Services, is proud to have participated as guest lecturer in the programme since its inception in January 2011. “In 2012 Tushiyah presented *Introduction to leadership* – a one-day course and in 2013 *Idea generation and entrepreneurial training* - a two-and-a-half-day course. So far, in 2014 Tushiyah presented *Understanding the role of national, provincial and local government* – a one-day course,” Truter explains.

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“The fact that this programme has already penetrated into five of South Africa’s provinces, with more to come, reinforces the international stamp of approval as one of the best ways to make a difference – something we at Tushiyah aspire to and applaud.”

To view the type of courses planned for Phoenix in KwaZulu-Natal this year, **download the C2A Phoenix Programme** (See attached PDF File).

The Chance 2 Advance Programme can also be accessed through a variety of entry points, including the web page: <http://www.unisa.ac.za/C2A> and Facebook: Chance 2 Advance