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## **The Slovo Study Group**

In Joe Slovo township is a group of 8 teenagers who are learning through UCT (University of Cape Town) Online.

Following the South African Education Department's CAPS Curriculum, they aim to complete high school at a Grade 12 level, the maximum achievable grade in the South African school system.

This is estimated to take no longer than another 3 years for them to achieve their Matric Certificate.

### **History**

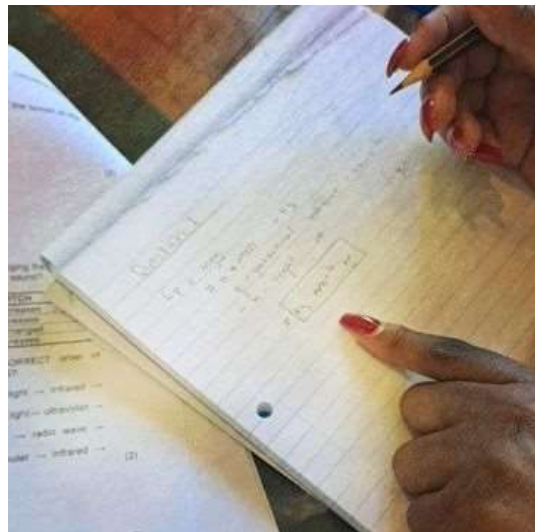
Coming from disadvantaged backgrounds, where poverty abounds and often only one bread-winner per household, these youngsters were part of a programme called 'Artworks for Youth'. This was an American-run Non-Profit-Organisation, that received substantial funding from the States, through which they were registered at an upmarket school called Valenture Institute.

In May 2022 the NPO's founder died and the Valenture Institute closed. The youngsters were left grieving their mentor and friend, whilst at the same time coming to grips with moving to a new online school and curriculum.

By September 2022 the funds ran out and Gail Charalambous and Chantal Bezuidenhout established their own NPO to ensure continued support of these brave young souls. They approached IRFF UK at this time, and we stepped in to support their work.

## Boot Camp

The Slovo Group held a very successful Maths and Science Bootcamp in November 2022, where they were assisted over two days by tutors and educators from the local university. They also received one-to-one support from local university students.



Slovo Study Group students at boot camp with one-to-one university student support

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IRFF UK has been providing funds to cover running costs such as:

- data
- school stationery
- taxi fare
- occasional grocery needs

Their biggest need is funding for data, costing them R4,070.00 (around £175) per month. The remaining expenses add up to an additional R4,080.00 (£176) per month.

Without our support, these youths would have had to return to the dysfunctional schooling system.



Slovo Study Group during boot camp, getting support with their maths and science

The Slovo Study Group are currently focussing on preparing to run another boot camp, for which they will need funding to pay for venue, tutors and food.

Meeting at Mcdonald's to plan the next boot camp



With your continued support we can enable these youths to achieve their Grade 12 level and have brighter futures!

We have launched our brand new website but are still ironing out the edges. [Click here](#) to visit it now!

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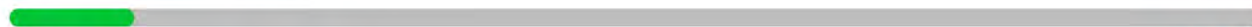
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10%



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