



A charitable trust supporting education in South Africa

A Registered Charity No. 1077489

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The Mamelodi Trust is a UK Registered Charity, established by Trust Deed on 1 July 1999. The objects of the charity are to support the advancement of education in Zakhele School in Mamelodi, South Africa, the Mamelodi Teachers' Centre and any other educational institution in Mamelodi at the discretion of the trustees.

The Trustees work within the UK to raise awareness amongst supporters and within the education and political sectors and to raise money to support education in Mamelodi. It also exists to provide support and encouragement for those working in the Mamelodi schools and to facilitate links between these schools and appropriate contacts in the UK. Funding is normally made available to the schools for expenditure according to locally defined needs and priorities.

The Mamelodi Trust commenced its sixth full year as a Registered Charity with a balance of £9,703.14.

During the year a further £32,701.79 was raised. £3,947.70 was contributed by individuals of which £1,366 was via standing orders and CAF Bacs credits. £7,549.40 was raised by Naace at their Annual Conference in February 2005 and a special donation of £10,000.00 was made by 2Simple Software at the Conference. Other industry donations amounted to £2,404.35. Three schools together donated £1,148.75. Hazelwood Parish Church adopted Zakhele School during the year and events raised £378.00. Derbyshire County Council raised £550.00 for the Trust at the Bolsover Food Fair and the Derby Mercia Rotary Club donated £500.00 following a talk given by Steve and Mary Bacon.

During the year, the Trust opened a second bank account with CAF Bank to act as the main account which, unlike the Lloyds TSB Account, enabled deposits to attract interest. £223.59 was received in interest.

The Naace Conference in February 2005 was a special occasion for the Trust. RM Plc. agreed to fund air fares for Fikile Manzini and Patrick Sikhumbana, headteachers of Zakhele and Meetse A Bophelo Schools to travel to the UK to join the Conference and to take the opportunity of thanking Naace members personally for their generous support over several years. Additionally, Sir Bob Geldof had been persuaded to give a presentation at the Conference about support for Africa. In the run-up to the publication of the Government's Commission for Africa Report, Sir Bob, one of the Commissioners, was able to give a very well-informed presentation about the needs of Africa in his own inimitable style. The audience of around 700 Naace members and sponsoring partners were completely won over by his charismatic performance and the benefit to the Trust was evident in the subsequent generous donations made at the Conference. Further publicity and money raising was achieved by the production of Mamelodi T-shirts bearing the Naace logo on the front and a picture of children from Mamelodi School on the back. These sold well at the Conference and made a major contribution to the funds raised. The presentation by Sir Bob Geldof can be seen on the Internet at <http://clients.mediaondemand.net/naace/>

All financial transactions in South Africa continue to be made through the offices of the British Council in Johannesburg. Named officials are responsible for maintaining accounts and releasing funds, as required to the school for specific projects. In this way, the Trust is assured of financial control in South Africa. The Trust applies a key principle, however, that the priorities for spending should be firmly in the hands of the local people in Mamelodi.

In response to a specific request from Zakhele School, £800.00 was used to provide a data projector for the science room and an interactive whiteboard was provided by Promethean Ltd who also agreed to provide training in its use. A further £680.85 was provided for small educational items at Zakhele and Meetse A Bophelo Schools, and £540 was made available to support the literacy outreach project for children in Zakhele and neighbouring schools.

To ensure that the development planning for the Trust is well informed about the educational needs in Mamelodi and that future funding and support is well targeted and effective, the Trustees agreed that Steve Bacon should visit Mamelodi for 10 days in July 2005. This was to ascertain current priorities, make contact with schools, headteachers, teachers, governors and local education officials and report back to the Trustees. A copy of the visit brief is attached to this report. The visit was very successful in updating the Trustees and good contacts were made in the schools, the local education authority where a meeting was held with the senior education manager and his officials, the national Department of Education and the British Council. Steve arranged a private meeting with Paul Boateng, the British High Commissioner, which was also attended by Barry Masoga from the British Council. Paul Boateng was supportive of the Trust's work in Mamelodi and offered any help from the High Commission.

The visit to Mamelodi identified a number of opportunities and challenges for the Trust. For example, the ICT resources provided by the Trust continue to be used in Zakhele School although the main computer room has been re-equipped by Gauteng Online Project. This is not working satisfactorily, however, with regular failures of equipment both in the school and in the wide area network provided by the Province. There are substantial periods of time when the network and, consequently, the Internet are out of use. There are also problems with installation of educational software. The problems were raised both at Provincial level and at the Department of Education during Steve's visit. The Trustees are currently working to create a development plan to enable the Trust to respond to these and other challenges both in the short term through the allocation of resources and, in the longer term, by the development of the Trust's activities to support the continuing need.

In May, one of the Well Dressings in Wirksworth, celebrated the support for Mamelodi by Wirksworth Infant School. The proceeds of the collection made at the Well were donated to the Trust and Mary Bacon spoke to the children at a school assembly.

In 2005/06, the Trust will provide further funding for Zakhele School, Meetse A Bophelo School, and Sikhanyisele School based on needs identified during the July visit.

In line with the policy of the Trust, the priorities will be identified locally with support from staff of the British Council.

The Trust ends its sixth year on a confident note. It is much encouraged by the support it has received in the UK and the impact of its work is clearly evident in the life of Zakhele School. The Trust is planning for an active year in 2006 and looks forward to being able to contribute to further significant developments in education in Mamelodi.

30 May 2006

Notes

The Mamelodi Trust is Registered with the Charity Commission in the United Kingdom.

The Trust is run by five Trustees and may be contacted through the Chair of the Trustees:

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Brief for visit to South Africa by Chair of Trustees

The Mamelodi Trust is a UK Registered Charity which supports education in Mamelodi, South Africa. Its overall aim is to increase educational opportunities for learners in Mamelodi schools. It provides specific financial support to individual schools, arranges for educational materials and equipment to be provided and enables professional development support for teachers in Mamelodi.

Since its creation in 1999, the Trust has raised over £70,000 (approx. R830,000) for this work. All money donated is channelled to Mamelodi schools though the British Council in South Africa with the Trustees covering administration and funding costs from other sources. The Trust also works to raise awareness about the situation in South Africa in general and Mamelodi in particular, challenge perceptions in the UK, and change policies.

In addition to raising funds, the Trust has facilitated working visits by several UK educators to share expertise and work in classrooms in Mamelodi and has enabled educators from Mamelodi to visit schools and participate in educational events in the UK. With the support of UK partners, the Trust has also provided computers, books and other learning resources, a science laboratory and equipment including an interactive whiteboard, data projectors, and sports equipment, and has refurbished accommodation. As a result, the total value of support to date exceeds R1,000,000.

In furthering its aims, the Trust works closely with Local Education Authorities in the UK, notably Derbyshire County Council who are currently seeking to partner with the Mamelodi community, liaises with central government in the UK and supports international initiatives.

The Trustees are now preparing a Development Plan for further spending and activity in Mamelodi for 2005-08. While the Trust is in regular contact with our partners in Mamelodi and with those from the UK who have worked there, it is some time since any of the Trustees have been able to gain first hand knowledge of the developing situation in Mamelodi.

To ensure that the development planning is well informed about the educational needs in Mamelodi and that future funding and support is well targeted and effective, the Chair of the Trustees, Steve Bacon, has been asked by the Trustees to visit Mamelodi in order to:

- Understand and develop opportunities for working in partnership to ensure the effective achievement of the Trust's objectives.
- Gain a better understanding of:
 - the national and local policies and priorities for education;
 - the current processes for, and levels of, funding for schools in Mamelodi.

This will necessitate meeting with principals, governors, community leaders, local government officers, and South Africa Education Department officers and politicians. The Trust is committed to continuing to work in partnership with all the relevant local agencies so that it can make an effective contribution to enhancing provision and opportunities for learners in Mamelodi.

- Visit the three schools with which the Trust is already in contact (Zakhele Primary School, Sikhanyisele Primary School and Meetse A Bophelo Primary School) in order to improve the Trust's understanding of their current educational needs and enable it to focus future support appropriately.
- Establish contact with and meet other Principals in order to be in a position to develop further links between schools in the UK and those in Mamelodi.
- Understand the current role of the British Council and other external agencies engaged in Mamelodi with a view to supporting them, working in partnership with them, and seeking their support.
- Understand opportunities for whole-system, community, social and lifestyle approaches which contribute to achieving effective delivery of the Trust's objectives.

Steve Bacon will be in Pretoria and Mamelodi from Monday 25 July to Wednesday 3 August 2005 inclusive.

About Steve Bacon

Steve has nearly 40 years' experience in education as a teacher, senior management posts in schools, curriculum development project management, local education authority ICT and school improvement adviser, Ofsted registered inspector and team leader, and latterly chief executive of Naace, the UK professional association for those engaged in improving the quality of education through the effective use of ICT.

For many years, Steve has been influential at all levels of policy making in UK education. For the last five years as Chief Executive of Naace he has worked at national level to influence government policy on the use of ICT in schools. Since his retirement at Easter 2005, he continues to act as a consultant for the government's ICT Routemap and ICT Mark initiatives which relate to developing effective school self evaluation and a national accreditation scheme for schools deemed to be confident users of ICT in the context of improving teaching and learning across the whole curriculum.

Steve has advised government departments, ministers, and the Secretary of State as well as working at senior levels in a large number of government agencies. He worked with Her Majesty's Inspectorate on national assessment of the quality of education in UK schools.

Since his first visit to Mamelodi in 1997, Steve has supported education in that area. He set up the Mamelodi Trust in the UK and is the Chair of the Trustees. He works in a variety of ways not only to raise money for the Trust, all of which is used to support education in Mamelodi, but also to raise awareness of the South Africa situation in the UK. He has personally briefed the South African High Commissioner in London about the work of the Trust and liaises with UK government officials and ministers on matters related to raising awareness of South Africa in UK schools.