



LANDMARK FOUNDATION – CAPENATURE COLLABORATIVE

THEMBALETHU HIGH – YOUTH DAY

The Thembaletu High has recently established a green club known as the THENAs. This is a collaborative pilot project between Cape Nature and Landmark Foundation (Green Projects) On 16th June, 33 learners, 2 educators and 5 members of the collaborative team went on an outing to Kaaimans river mouth, Wilderness. Despite lousy weather conditions the group remained motivated and enthusiastic.

KNOWLEDGE-SKILLS-VALUES AND ATTITUDES

Learners were given talks on Fynbos identification and classification by Cape Nature student volunteers. Each group had to research and present to the rest of the group, a specific type of fynbos and what their distinctive characteristics are. The learners responded very well and have now a good handle on how to spot the types in the veld.

This exercise was done in the bus whilst we waited for the rain to subside. It was very wonderful to see the learners' response to this task.

As the clouds cleared the group made its way along the railway line across the Kaaimans Bridge and down to the shores of the mouth to find and identify (coastal) fynbos along the way. There were few fynbos species however each group was able to find one and have group discussions.

The value of such outdoor activities apart from exposing learners to the beauty of the town and environment they live in, is to open the opportunities that exist within the interactions they make with people, places. The Kaaimans River mouth is possibly one of the most well recognized landmarks of the garden Route a site that they had not seen before.

The aim is to get them enthusiastic about being present in nature so that they can interact with a better understanding and knowledge base.

The learners were also introduced to the concept of not giving up when circumstances take them out of their comfort zone. Also that being outdoor and loving nature comes with everything it has to offer, and to find beauty in rain and sunshine. Great care was taken to minimize food and packaging waste.

The George Municipality has shown great support for this project by providing the transport and food for the learners.





The most valuable aspect of this project is the attitudes that are being changed through interacting with nature and people and the new values that are being instilled through good role models, sound structures and strong leadership. This will have a long term effect on their lives.

Well done to everyone for the incredible team work.

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