



Children's Helpers
Worldwide

Below is information that ORT SA CAPE sent to Children's Helpers Worldwide, about the activities usually carried out at a holiday workshop and the costs involved. Following this, you will find information from ORT SA CAPE about the need for literacy training sessions for teachers and the budget for this.

Holiday Workshops in Robotics, Reading, Aviation and Museum visit

Holiday workshops for 30 children from very impoverished areas around Cape Town. The workshop is for 3 days from 1 to 4pm and run every school holiday. The children do Robotics, have Reading activities on iPads, enjoy a Museum visit and a show at the Planetarium.

We provide a nutritious snack on each day, transport to and from the Cape Town Museum and tickets to the Planetarium. The workshop is facilitated by our professional and volunteer team of at least 6 adults.

Holiday Workshop Funding Options for 30 children:

- R500 per child per workshop
- R15 000 per holiday workshop for 30 childrer



Every teacher is a language teacher Short course for Grade 4-7 teachers

Problem statement

ORT SA CAPE's work in teacher development and education research in recent years has identified inadequate language development among young learners as a major constraint to education achievement in all subjects, including mathematics, particularly in schools serving disadvantaged communities.

A major area for concern which has largely been neglected, is the fact that Intermediate and Senior Phase teachers' initial training has traditionally not prepared them to teach basic reading skills. The assumption is that learners can read by the time they enter Grade 4, but this is often not the case. Several recent studies have shown that more than three quarters of learners in South Africa - particularly in schools serving poor communities, lag two or three grades behind their international peers in terms of reading levels. In practice, many teachers are therefore required to assist learners who struggle to read, but they are not equipped for the task.

"The most powerful method of improving education is to invest in the improvement of teaching and the status of great teachers." — Ken Robinson

Aim of the course

ORT SA CAPE has developed the accredited short course¹, *Every teacher is a language teacher*, in response to the above-mentioned problem. The course is designed to train and support Grade 4-7 teachers to teach reading with emphasis on remediation and interventions to assist learners who experience barriers to reading with comprehension. A significant bridging component between Grade 3 and Grade 4 is included. The focus is on 'teaching learners to read' at the level required for their current grade and to lay the foundation for 'reading to learn' in other subjects and throughout their school career.

Since February 2017, ORT SA CAPE, has presented the course to over 200 teachers, mainly from schools in disadvantaged communities. With further funding, we would be in a position to reach more teachers and in turn equip more learners with these vital skills.

¹ ORT Education's courses are accredited by the South African Council for Educators (SACE) and the Education, Training and Development Practitioners' Sector Education and Training Authority (ETDP SETA).

ORT SA CAPE TRAINING BUDGET For 30 TEACHERS			
Course Delivery costs	Days/Units	Rate	Total
Preparation for training	4	R2 800,00	R11 200,00
Delivery of Training (4 Sessions)	4	R 2 800,00	R11 200,00
Travel costs for training (50 km per session)	200	R 3,60	R720,00
Support visits (2 visits per teacher - 3 teachers per visit)	20	R 1 800,00	R36 000,00
Travel costs for support visits (20 visits x 50 km)	2000	R 3,60	R7 200,00
Printing (30 delegates)	30	R 150,00	R4 500,00
Catering (30 teachers x 4 sessions)	120	R 80,00	R9 600,00
Administration fee and Project Management (20%)			R16 084,00
Sub Total			R96 504,00