



NEWSLETTER

UK LANGA TOWNSHIP PRE-SCHOOL TRUST

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In Gordon's book 'Cape Town Stories -Apartheid its effects and its ending', there are two concurrent chapters, 'The Unsung Hero' and 'One Day in Langa Township' featuring respectively two long – standing friends and strong supporters of LTPT, Clarence Mahamba and the Venerable Malcolm Lesiter.

It is with great regret that we announce that Malcolm Lesiter passed away on 20 November aged 88 and Clarence Mahamba, the Chairman of the Nomonde Pre-School Management Committee, passed away on 4 December aged 88 .

ACTIVITIES SUMMARY FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2025-2026

LTPT Nomonde Educare Account and the LTPT representative in Cape Town.

Our monthly payment of *circa* £500 into this account enabled the employment of an administrator for Nomonde Pre – School (Yolisa Gqirani), the running of the pre-school office, the purchase of tracksuits for the children and, more widely, the monthly supply of vegetables for the six pre-schools in Ward 52, providing food for 500 children. A separate payment to Nadia Petersen is for the equivalent of 3 days of work monthly as the LTPT representative in Cape Town.

Of the 42 pre-schools in the Langa Early Child Development Forum (Langa ECD Forum), 22 are unfunded by the Government. This means that circa 1200 children face serious food shortage, so LTPT provided nutrients in bulk in three months: May, September and January.





This year has seen a continuation of the significant broadening of the reach of the Trust to help more pre-schools in Langa. 41 percent of expenditure in Cape Town went to help Langa Forum members.

FIRST AID TRAINING

The City of Cape Town requires pre-schools to have one member of staff able to undertake first aid and this involves three - year certification, a costly process. 40 staff attended a one - day training course, and each pre-school represented received a certificate and a first aid bag



Some of the first aid trainees with certificates and first aid kits



Badly storm damaged roof

MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

There were 3 major maintenance projects at Nomonde Pre-School: renewal of the badly worn floor of the large hall floor, the replacement of storm – damaged toddlers’ play area roof, and grounds and fencing maintenance.



Impressive new floor



At work on maintenance



CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS 2025

For the fifth successive year, toward Christmas, we have provided vouchers to support end of term activities in all the Forum pre-schools, covering 3000 children. These are distributed on a *pro rata* basis.



Buying the vouchers



Allocating the vouchers



Eyethu Pre-School receiving its voucher

FINANCES 2025-2026

On a turnover of £31, 241, the sum £28,342 was spent in Cape Town to support the LTPT Nomonde Account, the Nomonde Pre-School and members of the Langa Early Child Development Forum. This represented 91% of costs, most of the rest in the UK relating to events, audit and accountancy, IT software and consumables. All UK based administrative, PR and design work for the charity was free of charge.

2026-2027 OUR PROGRAMME

The Trust intends to replicate last year's support for both the LTPT Nomonde Educare initiative and for the Langa ECD Forum, and also to introduce 2 site learning programmes, each providing training for 30 teachers from pre-schools in membership of the Langa Forum.

EVENTS

Olivia Lindh Lucia is running in a half marathon later this year to further build up her LTPT nutrients fund. Details will be distributed when

available. At her school she has been appointed to be the Head of Partnerships and Charities.

We are exploring the possibilities of two events later in this financial year, one involving the UK based JJ Cale tribute band and the other our popular a Blues and Motown artist, Clayton Stevens.

FUNDING

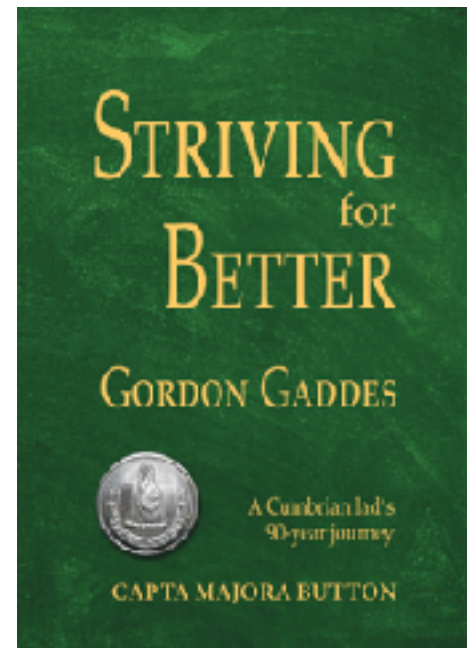
Funding for our operation arises mainly through regular and Intermittent individuals and charities and through partnership with Gary Clueit and his foundation and profits on events.

RESEARCH

To this end we are working out how to research and establish the extent to which, as a microcosm, the work of LTPT is supporting the empowerment of women. For example, as a case study, we can refer to the 195 women working in the 42 pre-schools in the Langa Early Child development Forum.



LTPT continues with the above recently established theme for its mission In Langa Township, now focusing on the empowerment of women.



Sales and donations give LTPT to date a projected £1000 contribution.



GRADUATION

Each year at Nomonde Pre-School towards the end of November there is a graduation day, attended by families, for those transferring to primary school. The photos show parents gathering and Clarence Mahamba a few days before he passed away

TRUSTEE UPDATE

Rev. Dr Adam Dunning, a trustee of LTPT since 2018, has been appointed to a very significant post as Team Rector of Falmouth, following 15 years as Senior Chaplain at Cheltenham College and service as the College's Director of Partnerships. Cheltenham College has been a major funder for LTPT since especially through donations raised at the annual College carol services. Our trustees highly value the advice and support of Adam and are delighted that he will continue to serve as a trustee for the time being.

