

Inaugural Address

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Outline

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- Challenges for the Social Work profession in integrating social and economic development
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 - Vision for social change

Macroeconomic Context for Social Change in South Africa



Social Work's professional mandate for integration of social and economic development

- Social justice value of social work
- White Paper for Social Welfare (1997)
- Speaking out: Social change function
- Developmental paradigm – social justice, human rights, integration of human, social and economic development

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Challenge for Social Work Profession to Integrate Social and Economic Development

- Adopt development approaches to social work practice
- Influencing policies for inclusion of pro-poor foci
- Professional unity
- Building a strong civil society
- Community Economic Development (CED)

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ART+CRAFT MARKET

GIFTS+CURIOS
LEATHER+GLASSWORK
POTTERY+CERAMICS
ETHNIC BEAD+GRASSWORK
CULTURAL COSTUME+CLOTH
A JOB CREATION PRO





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New Amphitheatre under construction









Challenge for Social Work Profession to Integrate Social and Economic Development (cont.)

- Understand the politico-economic context
- Engaging in environmental issues
- Caring and services for children affected by HIV and AIDS
- Refocus on the private sector

Company adopts project

Stephen Selaluke

People Upliftment Project (Pop-up), the training and development centre based in Salvokop, Pretoria is housed in a 105-year-old building, which belongs to Transnet.

The building forms the hub of the centre

where students are trained in various courses, including home based care, educare, computers, arts and crafts and sewing.

Old Mutual Northern region has adopted Pop-up as one of its corporate social responsibility projects and contribute finan-

cially by sponsoring courses, which improve the social and financial development of many students.

For 2006, Old Mutual decided to tackle the environment as part of their corporate social responsibility.

Whereas the Pop-up building has been

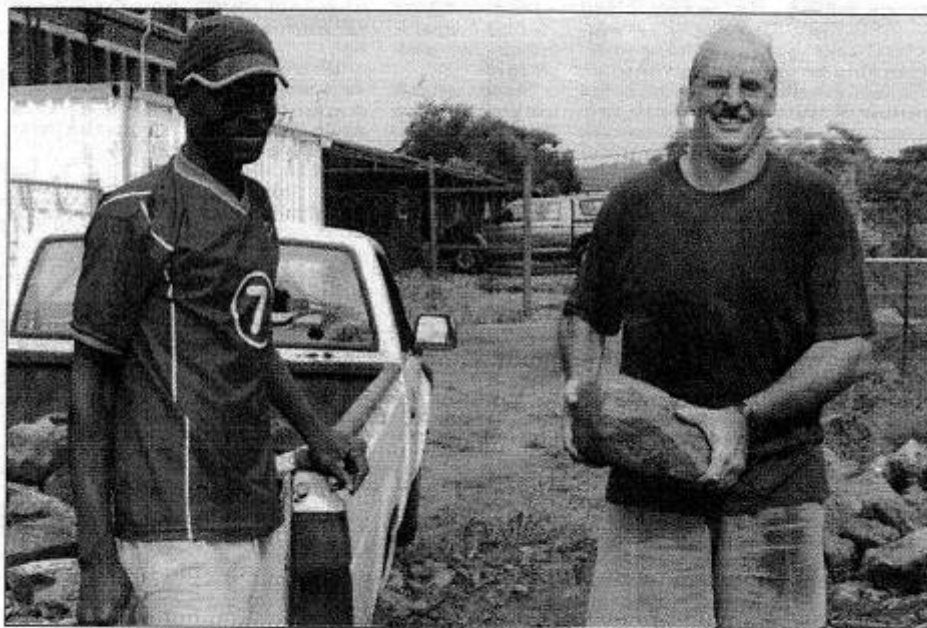
restored, the surrounding area needs some serious attention.

Disguised as a team building exercise, unsuspecting Old Mutual staff were armed with picks, spades and miscellaneous gardening tools and left to battle it out in the hot sun in the race to excavate,

tunnel and dig their way through concrete and stone in preparing a garden.

"We worked hard physically.

"It was great to know we could help our community just by being willing to do what needed to be done," says a staff member.



Koos Nel, Old Mutual manager retail marketing for the Northern region, puts his best foot forward whether its financial investment or moving rubble at Pop-up.

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Challenge for Social Work Profession to Integrate Social and Economic Development (cont.)

- Creating an enabling environment for social change and development
 - Shortage of social workers
 - Partnership between government and NGOs

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Response to the challenges:

- BSW Programme

Itsuseng Women Group: SAVF 3rd Year Placement





SAVF 4th Year Placement: Group Activity







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LUCAS SKOSANA
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LIFE SKILLS
GROUP WORK SERIES

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VINOLIA MAEPA
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Leeuwfontein Informal Setting: CMR 3rd & 4th Year Placement











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Response to the challenges:

- BSW Programme
- Criminology modules
- Postgraduate programmes
- BSW graduates per annum
- Representation on professional boards and associations

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Vision for social change:

- High student numbers
- Recognition of Criminology as a profession
- International collaboration
- Leadership in research, policy development and CPD
- Involvement in professional activities
- Building NGO capacity - student placements
- Participation in government initiatives

