



# Information Brochure



# who we are



**TeachOut is a volunteer organisation that provides free tutoring to high school students in Cape Town's disadvantaged areas.**

We are a student-run organisation at the University of Cape Town, with a committee of fifteen highly motivated students providing the administrative and organisational backbone to the project.

Our volunteer core consists of approximately 90 students and a few lecturers. Volunteers are typically undergraduate South African students, but we are increasingly involving foreign exchange students from the United States and Europe.

Established in 2003, TeachOut is part of an umbrella registered NPO, Ubunye. A cluster of four separate community service organisations – Township Debating League, Inkanyezi, TeachOut and the Media School – Ubunye provides its constituent members with administrative and logistical support.

By co-ordinating and grouping such tasks, the organisations are able to share resources and have a greater impact. The four projects are also able to learn from each other to improve their operations.

# what we do

**TeachOut provides weekly tutorial classes for high school learners in underprivileged areas of Cape Town.**

Daily trips are made to schools where after-school classes are held for just over an hour.

Subjects covered include Maths, English, Functional English, Physical Science and Accounting, with volunteers selecting which subject they would prefer to tutor. Academic material is prepared by the committee and is modelled closely on the work learners will cover at school.

Around ten classes are held from Monday to Saturday, with volunteers departing from and returning to the University in hired transport.

We operate in three schools in the Cape Town area: Sophumelela and Zisukhanyo are in Samora Machel, and Christel House South Africa in Ottery.

We also provide afternoon tutorials for Yabonga's youth program. Yabonga is an organisation that empowers HIV-affected mothers and their children.



# how we work

Statistics indicate that TeachOut has made a real impact in the schools in which it operates. Volunteers have consistently given us positive feedback about their involvement, and the teachers and learners are always appreciative and positive. In 2009, TeachOut was thrilled to welcome as a volunteer one of our former learners, Nonelela Pupuma, who started his degree in Accounting at UCT this year.

We aim to equip learners with the skills they need to do well academically, while instilling in the learners a love for learning and a passion for excellence.

TeachOut targets academic performance in Grades 8 to 12. Weekly tutorial sessions focus directly (Science, Maths, Accounting, English) and indirectly (Functional English) on learners' academics.

Volunteers also benefit from their involvement, by being given the opportunity to help those less fortunate than themselves, and gain valuable, tangible leadership experience by getting involved with the TeachOut Committee.



# TeachOut people

“ I was studying at a township school. It was kind of difficult, especially with maths and everything. So TeachOut helped me with Maths. They helped me to cement my knowledge and to make sure that my confidence and my IQ is actually quite whole. Because with Maths you could always ‘keep on trying, keep on trying’ and when you write tests you find that your results don’t actually reflect how much time you’ve put into it. But that’s just because you’re not so sure about what you’re doing. TeachOut just helped me to be sure of what I was doing and to actually give me more knowledge. ”

- Nonelela Pupuma. Former TeachOut learner, now a volunteer.



“ TeachOut has been a great experience for me because it’s taught me a lot of things about life in general, and life in South Africa. We need to help those who don’t have the resources to help themselves. Luckily, TeachOut is very organised. There was always transport and there were always sessions last year when I did it. ”

- Kate Rosholt. TeachOut volunteer.



# our vision



The committee strives to ensure that TeachOut adheres to the principles of a SMART project.

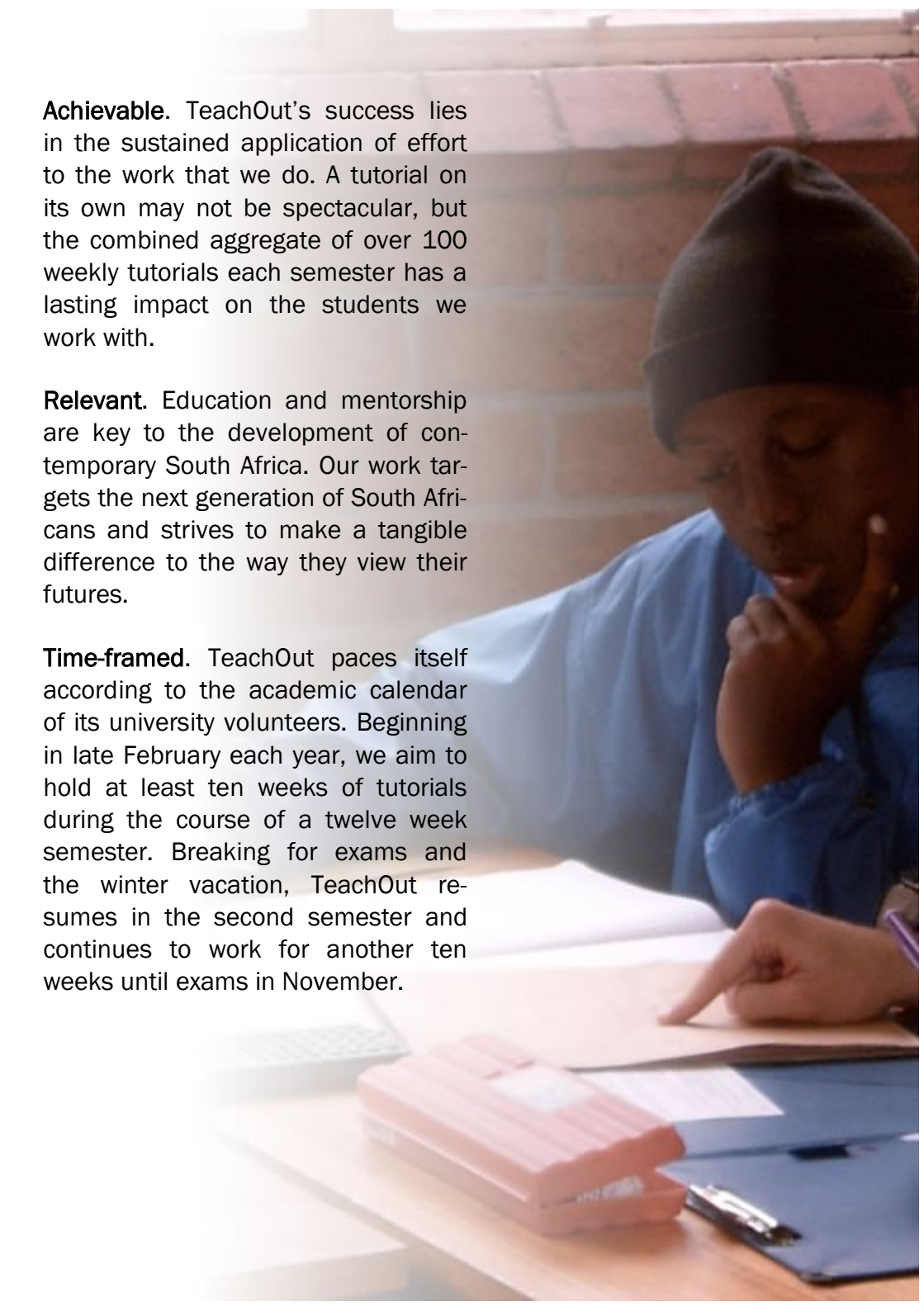
**Specific.** We are focused solely on providing education to needy high school students in three schools in Cape Town. We have built up a warm working relationship with staff at these schools and have come to know the material we tutor very well.

**Measureable.** TeachOut adheres to the highest standards of accountability and believes that its efforts must be proven to generate superior results over time. All financial activity can be monitored by downloading our previous financial reports from [www.teachout.co.za](http://www.teachout.co.za).

**Achievable.** TeachOut's success lies in the sustained application of effort to the work that we do. A tutorial on its own may not be spectacular, but the combined aggregate of over 100 weekly tutorials each semester has a lasting impact on the students we work with.

**Relevant.** Education and mentorship are key to the development of contemporary South Africa. Our work targets the next generation of South Africans and strives to make a tangible difference to the way they view their futures.

**Time-framed.** TeachOut paces itself according to the academic calendar of its university volunteers. Beginning in late February each year, we aim to hold at least ten weeks of tutorials during the course of a twelve week semester. Breaking for exams and the winter vacation, TeachOut resumes in the second semester and continues to work for another ten weeks until exams in November.



# sponsorship needs

<b>Operations</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>53 314.00</b>
Transport	R	46 725.00
Communications	R	2 289.00
Curriculum	R	4 300.00
<b>Events</b>		
Recruitment	R	850.00
Training and AGM	R	1 000.00
Marketing	R	1 500.00
Contingency	R	3 336.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>R</b>	<b>60 000.00</b>

**Transport:**

Transporting our volunteers to schools costs between R400 and R800 a day, depending on volunteer numbers

**Communications:**

Daily phone calls to teachers and SMSs to volunteers ensure our successful operations

**Curriculum Development:**

The latest textbooks are needed to ensure our work-books are up-to-date

**Recruitment:**

Refreshments and stationery are needed for our two annual recruitment drives

**Training and AGM:**

Refreshments and stationery are the two main expenses at our two annual volunteer training days and AGM

**Marketing:**

Posters are printed and displayed around UCT to recruit volunteers and we would also like to purchase a new banner



# contact TeachOut

To find out how you, or your company, can assist TeachOut  
with the work we do in schools in disadvantaged areas

email us at [info@teachout.co.za](mailto:info@teachout.co.za)

or visit our website at [www.teachout.co.za](http://www.teachout.co.za)

# TeachOut's

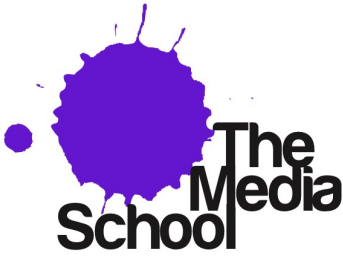


**Ubunye** is our parent organisation that oversees coordination, provides accountability and sets administrative guidelines for four community development projects at UCT. The four Ubunye projects are TeachOut, The Township Debating League, Inkanyezi and The Media School.



**Inkanyezi** assists high-school learners in developing concrete post-school plans, researching and accessing opportunities, and developing life-skills such as CV-building. Volunteers act as mentors for each learner. For more information email [inkanyezi@gmail.com](mailto:inkanyezi@gmail.com).

# partners



**The Media School** teaches journalism, life skills and English to high school students in Philippi. Through two curriculums, the basics of journalism and photography are taught to learners who then use these skills to produce their own school newspapers. To find out more email [mediaschool@gmail.com](mailto:mediaschool@gmail.com).



## **Township Debating League**

[www.townshipdebating.org.za](http://www.townshipdebating.org.za)

**Township Debating League** uses debating to teach critical thinking and argumentation skills and to increase learners' knowledge of current local and international affairs. At TDL tournaments, learners have the opportunity to debate against learners from other schools and to test their skills. For more, email [info@townshipdebating.org.za](mailto:info@townshipdebating.org.za).

