



DELFT EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

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When you hear the word Delft you think of the beautiful porcelain cups and plates of Holland. But if you drive through the streets of Delft on the outskirts of Cape Town this is a different picture. Poverty and violence are in your face and if you live there you cannot run away from it.

When you go deeper and stop at a creche, which is usually in a shack or living room of a tiny little house, then everything changes. Amidst all this chaos there is a woman around every second corner who has decided to make a difference and take responsibility for the children in her neighbourhood.

That is how her chrèche started. She is a mamma who does not have any training in this but she knows somebody has to look after the children and needs to raise them properly.

With her little bit of money she will feed them and try to keep them off the street changing her living room into a classroom. The Delft Early Childhood Project is all about these ladies. These women are indeed more beautiful and precious than the best of Delft Porcelain. We want to give them an opportunity to get training while they are running their crèches.

Close to a quarter (22%) of teachers working in the ECD sector in South Africa do not have an accredited ECD qualification. An essential part of the AmazingBrainz approach is to train and mentor early childhood educators to equip them to implement their age-appropriate learning programmes effectively and to manage their ECD centres well.



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The first group has finished their training and their schools are flourishing after the journey of more than two years with Amazing Brainz. 76 teachers and 18 schools have been trained as AmazingBrainz SmartTeachers and equipped with the necessary age-appropriate learning programmes and educational apparatus for the children in their care.

We have already begun training our second group in Delft. With your support we have raised enough money to give each school all the toolkits and equipment they need. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts. It is often our children that pay the highest price for injustice in our society. One of the most powerful ways to make sure that they do not, is to invest in our children in their early years. Research convincingly shows that investing in human development before the age of 7 is where we make the most impact.

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