NUMBER OF INTERNS THIS MONTH: 23 + 7 2weekers

SOCIAL JUSTICE PROJECT UPDATES

Name: Bonnytoun

Description:
Bonnytoun is a place of safety and secure care centre for male juvenile offenders.

Schedule:
Bonnytoun is visited every Thursday from 13:30 to 15:00.

Age of Youth:
Between 13 -18

Number of Boys:
The number of Boys is +/-90, depending upon whether Bonnytoun is full or not.

03rd July - We started with a series of ice breakers to acquaint both the interns and the boys. This created a level of trust and broke the barrier. Then we moved onto a video about Nelson Mandela’s life and struggle during the apartheid. Renee found the documentary and Shuan stressed the importance Mandela and how he fought for their freedom. He prompted them to answer what he meant to them. They seemed engaged by the video.

10th July - We broke into groups of 3 and each organized a series of ice breakers. Then, group one watched an educational video about Soweto, while the other two groups outside enjoyed physical activity and dialogue with the students. All three groups of boys seemed to enjoy the more individual attention (as there were more interns for a smaller group of boys) and appreciated the support the interns had given them. They were well-behaved and eager to learn about each of the intern’s unique culture.

17th July - The boys were broken into groups of four. Four interns plus Shaun took the lead and did a series of ice breakers in order to make the boys feel comfortable. Three groups were inside doing expression through art by drawing their own paintings. One group was outside and they exerted themselves physically by playing soccer.

24th July - We broke into four groups again, led by Renee, Anais, Claire, and Natalie. Each of the groups completed a series of ice breakers to make the new interns comfortable with the boys. Then, we moved onto a creative activity in which each boy was instructed to write their
name and then for each letter of their name come up with a word that describes them. Example
E-nergetic
M-agnificant
M-otivating
A-rtistic

31st July - We broke into four groups again, led by Renee, Suzanne, Alex, and Camille. We had the boys make masks and show their creativity. Some of the boys cooperated more than the others. The interns liked having the exposure to boys who have been sentenced and give them support, they might not otherwise have in their life. We ended with a variety of ice breakers to improve both the boys’ listening and communicating skills.

Name: Ottery youth care and education centre

Description:
Ottery Youth Care and Education Centre is a rehabilitation centre for male juvenile offenders who have committed petty crimes.

Schedule:
Ottery is visited every Tuesday from 15:00 to 16:30.

Age of Youth:
Between 10 -17

Number of Boys:
The number of Boys we work with is 60.

02nd July- Ottery was cancelled due to School Holidays.

09th July– We started with a few ice breakers to get the kids comfortable with the interns and increase the energy level. We watched the Nelson Mandela documentary. The kids seemed intrigued to see “Madiba” on the screen. Shuan stressed the importance of this man and what he accomplished for South Africa.

16th July – Today we started with ice breakers to introduce the boys to the new interns. Then, we watched an educational film about Soweto. They seemed to enjoy learning more about their country, an area that they have heard about, but did not have the opportunity to visit first-hand. They seem engaged during the film presentation.
23rd July – Today we started with a series of ice breakers to get the energy level conducive to effective listening and learning. Then, we had the boys create masks with the outside reflecting who they thought they were, while the inside reflected how they thought others saw them. They seemed to enjoy the exercise and time to show their creativity.

30th July - Today we started with our routine ice breakers to help the new interns adjust with the boys. Then, we moved on to a name activity. See Bonnytoun explanation for activity. This allowed the boys to express their creativity and help everyone to get to know each other better. Some of the qualities were alarming, given their circumstances however, it makes sense. The interns did their best to support the boys.

**Name:** Vredelus

**Description:**
Vredelus House is a secure care centre for young female offenders located in Elsie’s River.

**Schedule:**
Vredelus is visited every Wednesday from 15:00 to 16:30.

**Age of Youth:**
Between 10 -18

**Number of Females:**
The number of females we work with often varies from 50 – 70.

01st July – We did not attend Vredelus as we are changing our schedules to accommodate them on Mondays now. We are starting the process of logistics moving forward on a new date.

07th July - We did not attend Vredelus as we are changing our schedules to accommodate them on Mondays now. We are still figuring out logistics with them. 14th July - We went and started with ice breakers to introduce the new interns to the girls. Then, we moved to a creative activity. We had the girls create friendship bracelets and exchange with one another. It taught them to cooperate with one another.

21st July - Due to technical difficulties, we were unable to show the film Sarafina as planned. Instead, we improvised and played educational games with the girls to get their energy out in a constructive way. They enjoyed our visit and the individual time we spent with each young woman.
29th July - Today we started with a series of ice breakers to introduce the new interns to the girls at the facility. Then, we completed a similar mask activity with the girls that we organized at Ottery. See above for my details. The girls enjoyed expressing their creativity.

Name: St. Anne's

Description:
St Anne’s is a non-governmental organisation in Woodstock. St. Anne’s offers services to destitute, abused, rejected and disadvantaged women and their children from throughout South Africa.

Schedule:
St. Anne’s is visited every Monday from 11:00 – 13:00.

01st July – St Anne’s did not run on this day.

8th July – Anne Karstoft, Annais Amirifar-Bertschi and Camille Saulas attended. This was an informal session as we had not been attending St Anne’s regularly for some time. The ladies were all knew and the interns had also not experienced the workshop before, so there were discussions about current events including the legacy of Nelson Mandela and the 2014 elections. The three women who were present (and three week old twins!) were very responsive and got engaged in the topics. They also came forward with certain issues which they would like our help with.

15th July – Tamsyn Borton, Naomi Ferwerda, Camille Saulas, Anne Karstoft and Natalie Wyatt attended St Anne’s, and there were five women present. The interns had carried out research in relation to the women’s particular issues, and so the relevant information was relayed to them. Furthermore, Nat had prepared a quiz which the ladies all really enjoyed. Despite the computer crashing, Nat managed to present this from memory and everyone had fun with it.

22nd July – The interns attended St Anne’s and continued to work on the women’s legal issues, and held a general discussion in relation to their rights.

29th July – Anne Karstoft, Anh Thu Pham Bui, Camille Saulas and Margaux Estager attended, and there were five ladies present. Once again, the interns gave updates on the cases which they are working on for the women, and then gave a presentation on women’s rights. This was followed by a quiz which covered many different cultures of interns who are currently working at PAHRO. Everyone enjoyed this.
**Name:** Sisters Incorporated

**Description:**
Sisters Incorporated is a private welfare organisation in Kenilworth, founded in 1959. Sisters Incorporated aim to help every women, teenager and child who comes to us in crisis to heal physically, emotionally and spiritually.

**Schedule:**
Sisters Incorporated is visited every Thursday from 10:00 – 12:00.

4th July – The interns attended Sisters to help them in their preparation for the clothing sale; there was no workshop.

5th July – The female interns attended the clothing sale after our IRM. R9000 was raised and Sisters were very grateful for both the interns’ help and support.

11th July – Tamsyn Borton, Naomi Ferwerda and Anne Karstff attended. This was an informal session as it had been a little while since we had run a workshop. Much like at St Anne’s, it took the form of a debate about current events. All of the women got involved – this is great as the ladies have the opportunity to engage in important issues, and also to teach something to our interns.

18th July – Sisters did not run today as all PAHRO interns went to Khayelitsha for Mandela Day.

25th July – Sisters did not run on this day as there was only one lady present at the shelter.

**Khayelitsha Primary School** – We are continuing to work with around 200 students on a two-week program. The program is intended to keep the students in a safe environment, while they are on holiday and provide them with educational activities.

01st July – We started with a few ice breakers to get the students energized. Then we moved onto an educational video about fire safety. We prompted the students to answer questions regarding burns and safety measures. Many had some basic knowledge. They seem engaged and learned vital information to protect themselves in the event of a fire. It was very interactive.

02nd July – We again started with a series of ice breakers and then viewed a video about human rights. We asked them what they knew about their basic rights and if they had felt their rights had been violated before. They seemed to appreciate the short video clips and were entertained by the skits illustrating their rights.

03rd July - We had the students view a documentary about Nelson Mandela and his struggle for freedom during the apartheid. Renee found the documentary which illustrated what he did...
for South Africa. Many of the kids were not born during the apartheid so it explained to them what he did to enable their freedom. Shuan stressed the importance of this man and how they should never forget him and his legacy.

04th July - We had the students watch a power point presentation on alcohol abuse and its consequences. The children asked a lot of questions. It was apparent they dealt first hand with such issues before. Each child was then asked to tell us story regarding alcohol and how it may have directly/indirectly affected them.

05th July - Renee and Natalie worked on certificates for each student and printed them off. Afterwards, they went to drop them at the primary school and present the children with the document.

**Khayelitsha Nelson Mandela Day**

16th July - Prep Day - The interns were broken into groups of 4. Each group is in charge of one aspect of the project. Group 1 led by Renee is in charge of the interior paint and ceiling project, while Group 2 is led by Anais who is in charge of exterior painting, Group 3 is headed by Alex for the roofing project outside, while Naomi is in charge of the clean-up group. The heads of each group went into Khayelitsha in order to assess their part of the project and buy the necessary supplies with Shaun.

18th July - **NELSON MANDELA DAY**- The entire office headed to Khayelitsha to complete a day of service. The teams broke into their individual projects. Some of the projects took longer than others such as the painting and roofing assignments. All the interns seemed engaged in their work and the community appreciated the help we were providing them with at their center. The intern leaders did a good job of delegating tasks and making sure that everything was moving smoothly. Three vehicles took 2/3's of the group back to the office around 2pm, while the other interns who wanted to stay were picked up at 4pm. All aspects of the project was complete except for a leak in the roof and interior stencilling, which will be completed by Shuan and a few other interns in the upcoming weeks.

**Khayelitsha Free Gender**

17th July - Group of 11 interns went to Funeka’s house to design posters for their event on Nelson Mandela Day. In teams of two, five posters were created and printed off for them.

**LEGAL SERVICES UPDATES**

- Maria Mulundi has held a meeting with SWEAT (Sex Workers Education and Advocacy
Taskforce), which is also a human rights organisation, working with sex workers in South Africa.

A meeting with SWEAT was held at our office and then again at their office in Observatory, however they reverted back to us saying due to being overstretched they are unable to have us on board, because they would need team members available to supervise our interns and they do not have the capacity for this or the space.

LEGAL CLINICS

Manenberg

- We have also had a reduction in cases at our Manenberg Legal Clinic due to disagreements between the staff at Proudly Manenberg whom have broken away and formed a splinter group of their own.

We have also been informed that another legal clinic has opened up at Silver Tree in Manenberg, which is nearer to where most people live.

Lavender Hill

We have a lot of recurring clients, a few new clients as well, however most of the cases are still divorce and maintenance and property issues.

Child Justice

- Legal Services is trying to establish a norm whereby every Friday the interns at PAHRO have a moot court.

Sherwin uses criminal law cases where police investigations are complete, and that are about to proceed to trial at court, and hands them to the interns. He places up to 12 interns on one case, dividing them in groups of two; namely prosecution and defence.

The interns would then prepare themselves for argument by doing research on possible defences for our client and prosecution against our client. On the moot court Friday, the two groups are seated in the front of the boardroom opposite each other, with the rest of the staff and interns to the back of the board room perpendicular to those involved in the moot.

The prosecution interns than start their case. Thereafter, the defence is given a turn to state their defences against the submissions of the prosecution.

After each group have stated their cases, the rest of PAHRO asks questions on points they did not understand, or offer suggestions as to how they would have argued the case.
The purpose of the moot court is to assist Sherwin with research and possible defences that he could use when the trial starts.

All moot court cases are actual criminal cases that Sherwin has.

**TWO WEEK SPECIALS PRESENTATIONS:**

- The first group of 2weekers did a presentation on the “Causes and Treatment of Crime” and “Gangsters and Crime”.

The second group of 2weekers did a presentation on “The Right to Education”, “The Challenges of Gun Violence” and “The Right of Access to Food”.

Both groups of 2weekers researched the topics very well and the information presented was insightful and accurate.

Due to the weather client numbers have decreased, but the clients we are receiving now are more than those that attended the office at around the same time last year. Also the number of clients seeking assistance with certification applications has increased.