

Social Responsibility Programme feedback and commentary

Our Social Responsibility and Leadership Programmes have been running successfully on all campuses for the past two years now. Inscape is involved with St. Vincents School for the Deaf in Johannesburg, Chrysalis Pre-Primary School for children with special needs in Pretoria and the Al Noor Orphanage in Cape Town. Lecturers evaluate the students' work and progress by means of group discussions and critique as well as continuous project-based assessment, against defined outcomes, resulting in marks per project.

Our students visit these institutions on a regular basis and are gaining valuable insight into the lives of the less fortunate. Some of our students commented as follows:

"It was enlightening and taught me a lot about myself and others. I expected to learn life skills and I did. I learnt that I can work well in a team and that I always finish what I start. The kids are loving and welcoming and so are the teachers. All the kids were very willing to teach us sign language. It made me realise that I am fortunate to be able to hear."

"Judgements are only made by people who are scared. This process made me feel special. Having kids you don't know come up and give you hugs changed my perception of life."

"It was an eye opening, amazing and humbling experience. I found it amazing how well I adapted and did different things to overcome the communication barrier. The most powerful session I had was watching the determination of a boy with C.P. who would always try to do what his class mate would do even if he couldn't he would still keep trying with a smile on his face. I learnt that disability has to be taken into consideration when designing anything."


"I felt privileged and lucky through this process. I also felt sad that people live in a world of silence."

Some of our students in Johannesburg made pillow-case covers for each child at St Vincent's School, with the child's hand print or footprint on it. These students raised money on their own to be able to buy their supplies for this project. Another group of students got involved with doing a fun activity with the little ones after they had an easter egg hunt in the playground. These are just some of the ways in which our students are involved with these institutions.



Design Workshops

Our holiday workshops will be running again from the 4th to the 6th of October. These workshops are specifically aimed at providing school leavers with an understanding of the difference between the various disciplines. It will also give them the opportunity to interact with practising designers on the Workshop Industry Day. Students may enrol for the entire workshop or selected sessions only. The sessions include Interior Design, Graphic Design, Architectural Draughting, Interior Decorating, Fashion Design and Clothing Design and Construction.

To enrol for the workshop visit our website at www.inscape.co.za and download the enrolment form. 



Above: Some of the Workshop attendees in Cape Town hard at work in an effort to complete the brief handed to them.