

# AURORA WIND POWER

## Economic Development Newsletter

West Coast One windfarm, Saldanha Bay Municipality, Western Cape Province



Aurora Wind Power Shareholders:

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# OUR GOAL



Aurora aims to maximise its contribution to the economic development of local communities in the West Coast/Saldanha Bay Municipality area through:

1. Strategic education interventions throughout the education spectrum, from 1. early childhood development, to 2. primary and high school, and 3. tertiary level focused programmes

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2. Key community development programmes focused on empowering women and girls and supporting small scale businesses

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3. Partnering with established, reputable and community driven socio-economic non-profit organisations

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Movie by Investec, one of Aurora Wind Power Shareholders:

<https://www.liveoutoftheordinary.co.za/west-coast>

We currently work through 5 Socio-Economic Development partners on a multi-year basis, in the social investment areas of:

- EDUCATION
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

## OUR WORK: NGO Partners

### EDUCATION

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

PRIMARY AND HIGH SCHOOL

TERTIARY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HEALTH, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT & SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

ELRU was founded 37 years ago and focuses on supporting practitioners, caregivers and children from 0-6 years to engage in a world of stimulating, safe and healthy learning experiences.

<http://elru.co.za/>



The Valued Citizens Initiative was founded in 2001 in response to the need for citizenship education in public school. The organisation develops character through life skills programmes.

<http://www.valuedcitizens.co.za/>



Aurora's bursary programme partners provide not only financial support, but also psychosocial, mentoring and life skills support to learners within the Aurora Bursary Programme.

<http://tisofoundation.co.za/>

<http://studytrust.org.za/>



The Soul City Institute NGO has been on the South African landscape for number of years, focusing on social and behavioural change in health related initiatives. Recently they have shifted their focus to include social justice for young women and girls.

<http://www.soulcity.org.za/>



# HIGHLIGHTS



*"I have taught for 26 years and can safely say VALUED CITIZENS INITIATIVE NGO intervention, supported by Aurora Wind Power is the best thing I have been involved in professionally. "Values in Schools" programme introduced principles which both adults and children can take with them for the rest of their lives. Through "Values in Schools" we became one team with a common vision and mission"*

- Mr Donovan Cleophas, nominated for the National Teacher's Award in the category Excellence in Leadership - Principal of Masiphathisane Primary School

15 July: Aurora Bursary programme beneficiaries visit West Coast One windfarm



5 August: Louville High School learners visit West Coast One windfarm



West Coast 1 Inauguration 2015



Valued Citizens Initiative NGO teacher training session



Mandela Day - 18 Jul.'16: ELRU NGO providing Louville Early Childhood Development centres with meals



Soul City Institute NGO Community Dialogue meeting



# OUR PLANS

Over the next few years, we will continue to work in the West Coast, Saldanha Bay Municipality communities in order to increase the impact of our programmes and fulfil our objectives in terms of the Implementation Agreement signed with the Department of Energy in South Africa. Aurora looks forward to lasting partnerships with our socio-economic development NGO partners to the benefit of the local communities.



## Widening Our Reach & Impact

Aurora believes in making a significant contribution to different levels of the education spectrum in order to achieve sustainable impact.

In addition, as a result of the needs assessment of the Louville community in 2015, there was a strong inclination to support alcohol related issues and support small businesses, as a contribution to economic development.

As our programmes are reaching full implementation and gaining momentum, our aim is to strengthen our partnerships, support their work and grow meaningful interaction with the community.

## Upcoming events

### AUGUST:

24 - newly appointed Community Liaison Officers by Soul City start work (Louville Township)

25 - NGO Network Partners meeting in Vredenburg

26 - South African Wind Energy Association (SAWEA) and South Africa Photovoltaic Industry Association (SAPVIA) Roundtable Conversation Series: Economic Development in the REIPPPP, Cape Town

### SEPTEMBER:

26 - Infrastructural upgrades of Early Childhood Development Centres begins (Louville Township)

Training of Playgroup Facilitators by ELRU

Training of Community Liaison Officer's by Soul City



Let's grow the impact for local communities!  
Please join us - ideas, comments are welcome.  
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