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A day to celebrate at the fabulous Garden Court uMhlanga

On 16 August, the Epworth Foundation was delighted to have all its stakeholders together to share a joint mission to uplift the nation through quality education. Management, governance, oversight, social impact, past girls, present and past parents and influential friends of the Foundation were all represented.

The Epworth Foundation's bold vision of 'A South Africa where deserving talent is identified and selected to serve the country and its people' was enthusiastically embraced, with the main goal to raise funds in support of 30 young women of worth (talented and deserving but financially disadvantaged girls) to attend Epworth high school over the next five to nine years.

This investment is all the more significant as girls' school alumnae cultures have only really become financial driving forces over the past two decades.

As we continue to celebrate the Epworth Foundation and what it stands for, the following statistics underpin the tragic divide in South

Africa and the urgent need to create broad-based access to world-class education:

The Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit (SALDRU) has published a tool that shows how monthly income compares with the rest of the country and into which percentile a household falls. SALDRU forms part of the University of Cape Town's School of Economics, and conducts research into income mobility, racial composition of social class and poverty in South Africa. **According to the data, the richest 1% of South Africans have a household income of R48,753 per month (after tax). The richest 10% take home R7,313 a month.**

Pictured above: Mickey Rautenbach (left), General Manager of the Garden Court uMhlanga with Busisiwe Mabuza, IDC Chair and Epworth Governor



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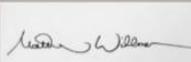
London: African Expressions

AFRICAN EXPRESSIONS
A London event in support of girls' education in South Africa

The Epworth Foundation (KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa) warmly invites you to enjoy cocktails and canapés in company with MATTHEW WILLMAN, commissioned photographer for the Nelson Mandela Foundation.

Tuesday, 25 June 2019 at 18:30
Gallery Different, 14 Percy St, Fitzrovia, London W1T 1DR
Cost: £35 pp
RSVP: foundation@epworth.co.za

Limited-edition Willman artworks, an Ardmore ceramic piece and a tanzanite creation will be on auction.
Proceeds to the Foundation's Young Women of Worth bursary fund.

OVER R100 000 raised in London

In January 2019, London, UK began as a dream fundraiser opportunity for the Epworth Foundation. On Tuesday, 26 July, with the support of friends of the Foundation, this 'African Expressions' evening became a reality in Fitzrovia.

Head of School Laura Bekker and Foundation Director Ingrid Roberts welcomed 50 guests and friends, including Lord Rumi Verjee, Lindiwe Mazibuko, actress Martina Laird, campaign Board Chair Charmaine Schwenn, eminent past girls (Dianne Brak, Chantal Sargent, Eleanor Main and Kim Butler) and other resonant hearts, to hear the message of hope for Africa when education is prioritised!

The spirit of Mandela, courtesy of the memories of his friend, documentary photographer Matthew Willman, permeated the event.

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Aaron McIlroy Comedy Evening



THE EPWORTH FOUNDATION

EXTENDS ITS GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU WHO CAME OUT FOR A VERY FUN AND JOYFUL EVENING WITH AARON MCILROY. YOUR SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY CONTINUES TO OFFER WORLD CLASS EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY TO OUR TALENTED YOUNG WOMEN OF WORTH

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Mothers' and Daughters' Celebration – May 2019

We firmly believe: 'if you educate a woman, you educate a nation' and that this journey begins in the home and in our formative educational places!



Thunder Walk on Women's Day

Women of the Epworth Foundation
Walked together...
We followed in the footsteps...
We learnt...
We saluted our great and courageous 'thunder walker' women of South Africa's past.

Above all, we were reminded of the remarkable history of this dusty and insignificant gold rush town that drew its citizens from all corners of the world to become Africa's second largest economy, and of the astounding women who risked all, not counting the cost nor seeking personal gain, to do what needed to be done at any given point in time.

Walking such a walk, in the words of the late, great Maya Angelou, 'makes me proud to spell my name W-O-M-A-N'

WOMEN OF WORTH Initiative



Join us on the **THUNDER WALKER TOUR!**

This 3-hour walking tour is a tribute to TRAIL BLAZING women from South African history. Criss-crossing downtown JOZI (JHB), you will be inspired by the stories of women like Mary Fitzgerald, Brenda Fassie, Miriam Makeba, Albertina Sisulu, Helen Joseph, Lilian Ngoyi and Winnie Madikizela Mandela.

A great way to celebrate women of worth in our lives – past and present!

**9:00 am for 9:30 am start
Friday, 9 August 2019**

Gandhi Square
New Street, Marshalltown, Johannesburg

Cost: R400 pp
(Proceeds towards The Young Women of Worth Bursary Fund)

Optional lunch at Scatterlings Restaurant ~ available after the tour

RSVP email:
foundation@epworth.co.za
(Soonest - only 25 places)

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FROM THE FOUNDATION DIRECTOR'S DESK

Often, I am asked: 'How can I support the Epworth Foundation?'

People who care for this wonderful institution and its ethos, including alumni, governors, staff, present and past parents and friends of the Foundation, can donate at any level, on a regular or ad hoc basis, towards:

- Bursaries (pledges or donations)
- Capital campaigns
- Community engagement initiatives

Your kindness, dear reader, by giving what you can to our registered Trust (Section 18A), will help to assure the world of this great school, which, like its art deco architecture, is a bold, stylish and distinctive leadership-producing institution.

Our Epworth Foundation/Endowment Bank account is held at First National Bank Midlands Mall Branch, Pietermaritzburg.

Account Name: I Believe in Epworth Trust

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Ingrid Roberts

Epworth Foundation Director (nee Bredenkamp – 1980)

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