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## School Leadership



### Meeting Highlights

- [Western Cape School Leadership CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the full meeting highlights to the Western Cape School Leadership CoP held in September 2014. In this meeting members introduced each other and shared their organisational missions with each other.
- [Western Cape School Leadership CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the meeting highlights to the Western Cape School leadership CoP meeting held in October 2014. In this meeting members discussed the wonderful collaboration opportunity on the EduCollaborate WCED ngo portal.
- [Western Cape School Leadership CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the full meeting highlights to the Western Cape School Leadership CoP meeting held in November 2014. In this meeting conversation centred on different conceptions of leadership.
- [Western Cape School Leadership CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the full meeting highlights to the Western Cape School Leadership CoP held in February 2015. In this meeting the CoP hosted Organisational Psychology students looking to research school leadership.

### Learning Briefs

- [School Principal SGB Election Working Practice Profile](#)  
Read the working practice profile of one of the BRIDGE school principals in the Local Principals' Communities of Practice. In this working practice profile, Principal of Magalelagase primary school gives top tips on how to ensure successful SGB elections. A principal's knowledge product for other principals.



ICT

## Meeting Highlights

- [Western Cape ICTs CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the meeting highlights to the Western Cape ICTs in Education CoP held in November 2014. At this meeting the CoP hosted Kids Who Code non-profit organisation working in Cape Town.
- [Western Cape ICTs CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the Western Cape ICTs in Education CoP meeting highlight held in January 2015. In this meeting the CoP hosted Computer4kids organisation and Numerics organisation working in the province
- [Western Cape ICTs CoP Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the full meeting highlights to the Western Cape ICTs in Education meeting highlights held in February 2015. In this meeting the CoP heard from Jo Besford of Green Shoots.



## ECD

### Meeting Highlights

- [National ECD COP Meeting Highlights](#)

Included here are the meeting highlights from BRIDGE's National ECD Community of Practice meeting on 19 February 2015. The meeting focused on 'Quality in ECD' and included a number of updates in relation to the QCTO Practitioner Qualification, the DSD Inter-Sectoral Steering Committee and the CoP's mapping activities.

### Videos

- [Update on ECD Inter Sectoral Steercom](#)

This clip includes an update from Sheila Drew, BRIDGE's ECD Community of Practice's representative, providing an update on the DSD Inter-Sectoral Steering Committee for ECD. This committee will meet monthly to collaborate with government departments for improved provision of ECD in South Africa.

- [Description of ECD Quality Reflective Tool](#)

BRIDGE's National ECD Community of Practice has compiled a draft ECD Quality Reflective Framework and Tool to encourage individuals and organisations playing a wide range of roles within the ECD sector to critically reflect on what quality means in practice in different contexts. The tool is a work in progress. In this clip, Sheila Drew describes the purpose of the tool and requests ECD CoP members to provide input.

- [Unique Offering of Ntataise Videoclip](#)

BRIDGE's National ECD Community of Practice promotes the sharing of working practice for improved provision of quality ECD. In this clip, Sarah Mc Guigan of Ntataise shares the organisation's unique offering in relation to ECD resources and quality at BRIDGE's National ECD CoP meeting.

## Presentations

- **[Showcasing of Ntataise Presentation](#)**

At BRIDGE's National ECD Community of Practice on 19 February 2015, Sarah Mc Guigan of Ntataise presented an overview of Ntataise, as well as shared Ntataise's unique offering.

- **[Update on ECD COP Mapping Presentation](#)**

BRIDGE's National ECD CoP mapped the ECD structures/bodies/forums in South Africa for improved networking, communication and knowledge sharing. This presentation provides an update on the progress of the project whereby the map is currently being updated on an online visual map.



## Teacher Development

### Meeting Highlights

- [Maths and Science Teacher Development Meeting Highlights](#)  
Read the full meeting highlights to the Teacher Development action group meeting held in quarter 1 of 2015. In this meeting Dr Nick Taylor, of JET Education Services, shares his latest research into pre-service teacher education.

### Videos

- [Teachers Upfront Managing Diverse Classrooms](#)  
Dealing with the diverse needs of their learners is a central concern for all teachers. Understandings of diversity reach beyond race and gender toward all differences that make a student unique. This Teachers Upfront Seminar focused on managing diversity in the classroom and touched on pedagogy, diversity management and identifying support needs.
- [Teachers Upfront Dealing With Bullying](#)  
Teachers Upfront seminar occurred on the 18 March 2015 at Wits School of Education. The topic that was addressed was Dealing with Bullying. The audience was filled with educators, government officials, psychologists and anyone who dealt with bullying.
- [Teacher Development: Lessons for Pre-service Teacher Education](#)  
Listen as Dr Nick Taylor shares his insights on what lessons the sector needs to adopt on pre-service teacher education and training.

### Presentations

- [Maths and Science Teacher Development – Lessons on Pre-Service Education Presentation](#)  
Read the presentation shared to the Maths and Science Teacher Development focus group by Dr. Nick Taylor of JET Education Services on his key lessons learned in pre-service teacher education.

## Learner Support



### Meeting Highlights

- [Maths and Science CoP Main Community Meeting Highlights](#)  
Read the meeting highlights to the presentation given by Dr Muavia Gallie on Leading a Turnaround Strategy, the model currently being used in the NECT Fresh Start schools project in Limpopo. This meeting occurred in February 2015.
- [Maths and Science M&E CoP Meeting Highlights](#)  
Read the full meeting highlight of the Monitoring and Evaluation action group held in the first quarter of 2015. In this meeting Eric Schollar shares the latest Epoch and Optima Maths Challenge Programme Evaluation.
- [Maths and Science Post School Access Meeting Highlight](#)  
Read the full meeting highlights to the Post School Access action group meeting held in the first quarter of 2015. In this meeting members of the Messaging and Mapping Subcommittees fed back the work done so far.
- [Western Cape Learner Support CoP Meeting Highlights](#)  
Read the Western Cape Learner Support community of practice meeting highlights. The Learner Support community of practice in the Western Cape was hosted by BRIDGE CoP member and Champion Ferial Parker of UCT's Schools Development Unit. The small gathering of non-governmental organisations also working with learners heard from Paul Maree on the PaperVideo learner resource.

### Videos

- [Turnaround Strategy: The Conceptual Underpinnings by DR Muavia Gallie](#)  
Watch the video of the presentation by Dr. Muavia Gallie on the conceptual underpinnings to his Turnaround Strategy currently being used in an NECT project in the Limpopo. Presentation was given at the Maths and Science Learner Support Main Community of Practice, February 2015.



- [Facilitator reflection on the turnaround Strategy](#)  
Watch the facilitator of the BRIDGE Maths and Science Main community reflect on the Turnaround strategy presented on by Dr. Muavia Gallie in February 2015. This strategy is currently being used in a NECT project in Limpopo.
- [M&E Video – Background to Maths Challenge Programme Evaluation](#)  
The Maths Challenge Programme, of the Epoch and Optima Trusts, evaluation is described in detail by one of the evaluators Eric Schollar at a recent BRIDGE M&E meeting.
- [M&E Video – Maths Challenge Programme Team](#)  
The Epoch and Optima Maths Challenge Programme team share some key points on what has contributed to their success at the BRIDGE Monitoring and Evaluation Colloquium held in February 2015.
- [Post School Access: Members Reflecting On What Action Means For a CoP](#)  
Watch the members of the Post School Access Action group discuss and reflect on what action means in a community of practice.

## Presentations

- [Monitoring and Evaluation Maths Challenge Programme Presentation](#)  
Read the presentation Shared by Eric Schollar on behalf of Epoch and Optima on their latest Maths Challenge Evaluation. This was presented at the Monitoring and Evaluation meeting held in February 2015
- [Maths and Science Post School Access Mapping Prototype Presentation](#)  
The BRIDGE team presented a mapping prototype built around the Post School Access chain developed by the action group in 2012. In recent efforts to create a user-friendly articulation of the chain remediating the knowledge gaps identified by the CoP, a map is currently being developed.
- [Maths and Science Post School Access Messaging Concept Note Presentation](#)  
Read the presentation supporting the Post School Access concept note developed for a messaging campaign by the Messaging subcommittee shared at a recent meeting in February 2015.

## Learning Briefs and Concept Notes

- [Maths and Science Epoch and Optima Trusts Evaluation Executive Summary Learning Brief](#)  
Find the latest Epoch and Optima Trusts Evaluation Executive Summary for the recent Public Schools Maths Challenge Programme, shared at the BRIDGE Monitoring and Evaluation Colloquium meeting.
- [Post school Access Messaging Concept Note](#)  
Read the Concept Note developed by the BRIDGE Messaging Subcommittee shared at a recent Post School Access Focus Group in February 2015.



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## Cross Cutting

- [\*\*Education Management Association of South Africa Conference 2013 Booklet\*\*](#)  
Read the EMASA Conference 2013, the conference aimed to identify and showcase projects along a cradle to career continuum. The conference charts the way forward for government, business and civil society.
- [\*\*GEDT Repository of Key Learnings\*\*](#)  
This repository presents lessons learned from seven GEDT projects (2009-2013). The aim of the repository is to consolidate and share this information in the form of 'key learnings', in the interests of informing future interventions in the schooling sector.
- [\*\*Twenty Years of Education Transformation in Gauteng 1994 to 2014: An Independent Review\*\*](#)  
This Document presents a collection of 15 important essays on different aspects of education in Gauteng since the advent of democracy in 1994. These essays talk to what a provincial education department does and how and why it does these things – whether it be about policy, resourcing or implementing projects. Each essay is written by one or more specialist in the relevant focus area.
- [\*\*School Leadership Development Framework for the Gauteng Department of Education\*\*](#)  
The Matthew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance tasked a team to research and develop a leadership development framework for school leadership teams (principals, deputies and heads of department) that complies with the *Minimum Standards for Teacher Education Qualifications* and addresses the specific contextual needs of school leadership teams in South Africa. This report summarises the results of that research process.
- [\*\*Disabilities in Education and Inclusive Education\*\*](#)  
South African education faces major obstacles to its effort to ensure that all learners are educated and supported, regardless of their abilities. It is clear that the current system is insufficiently resourced and not well-enough managed to achieve quality education for the disabled. Policies, while insistent on each individual child receiving the support they require, are let down by uneven implementation.

- [Disabilities in Education and Inclusive Education Policy Review and Literature Survey](#)  
Annexure to the 'Disabilities in Education and Inclusive Education Report'. Section A focuses on a review of policy drafted by the Department of Education and the Department of Basic Education between 1996 and 2011. Section B is a literature survey focusing on four specific themes; teacher training, success factors for inclusive schools, curriculum, materials and assistive devices, and pathways to progression.
- [1<sup>st</sup> Quarter BRIDGE Newsletter](#)  
Read all the highlights of the first quarter for BRIDGE in this document.
- [Annual report 2013-2014](#)  
Read the full annual report for 2013-2014.