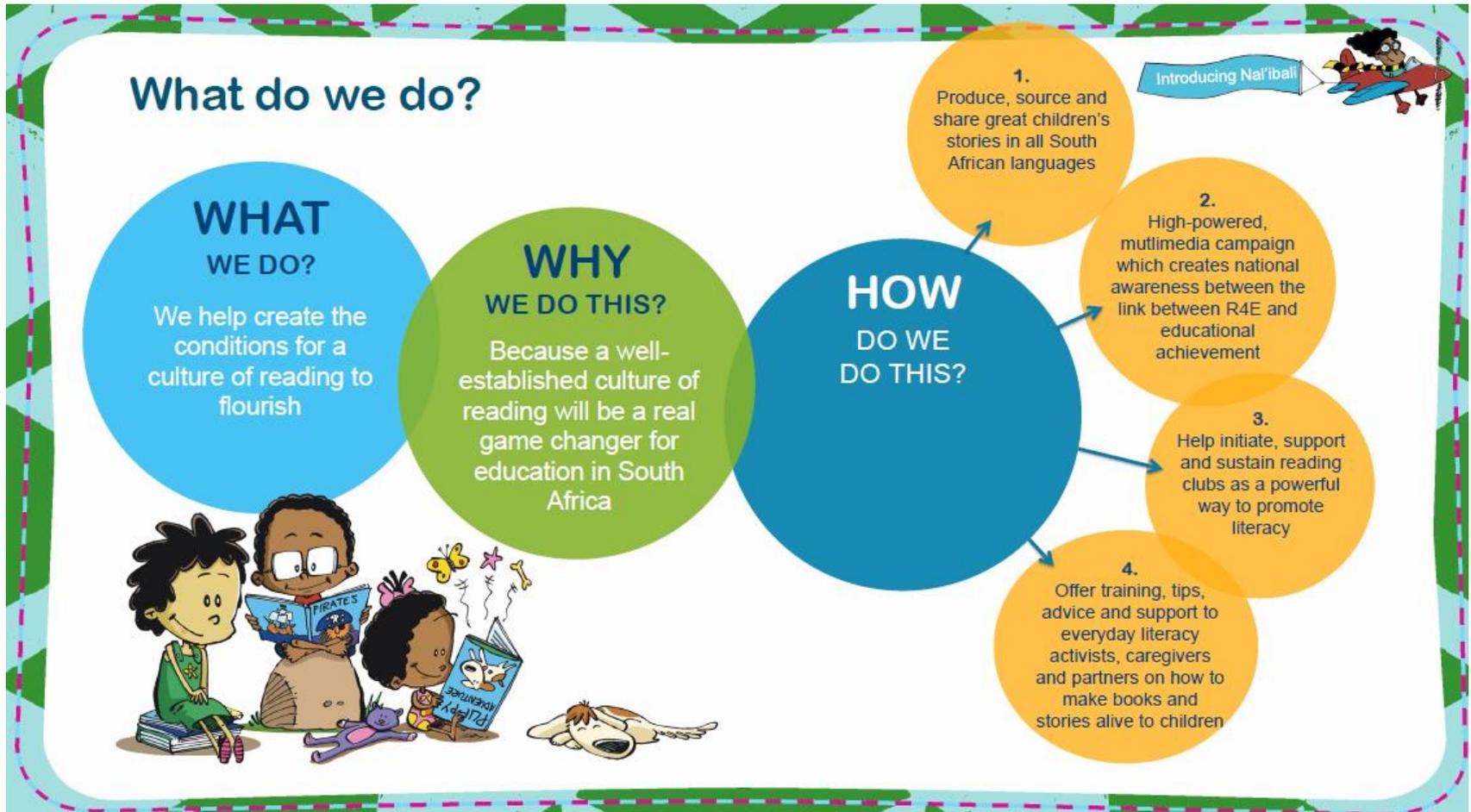




# **Update on National ECD CoP Meeting (17 August 2017)**

KZN ECD CoP Meeting, 14 Sept 2017

# Showcasing of an Organisation: Nal'ibali



You will find the presentation on the BRIDGE Knowledge Hub: [www.bridge.org.za](http://www.bridge.org.za)

# Panel discussion: ECD Centre Registration from different perspectives

This CoP meeting brought together a panel of individuals knowledgeable about different aspects of the process.

- Jade Trueman is a social worker in the Department of Social Development.
- Lisa Januário is from ECD Upliftment Projects, an organisation that works with ECD centres to help them through the registration processes with different departments.
- Nomusa Buthelezi is from Network Action Group which works within different government departments.
- Busisiwe Masemola from Ekurhuleni Metrol City Planning deals with applications from a planning and policy perspective.
- Abram Kakgari from Oratile ECD Centre in Diepsloot is the founder and principal of the Diepsloot ECD Centre and Chairman of the Diepsloot ECD Forum which comprises 133 ECD centres.



# Panel discussion cont.. Discussion from the floor:

## ➤ Fees and costs

Many ECD centres - for example, those in informal settlements, or those with parents who don't pay fees - battle with costs anyway. How are they supposed to find the money to pay for costs such as municipal contributions? Is there such a thing as an 'exempt' status?

## ➤ Differentiation

It would appear that processes for registration, while 'standardised' at a very high level, are not so in reality.

"Every site is unique. And each step has a whole lot of processes underneath it. It's not just about consent; it's about what happens at each step." (Noted by one of the panellists.)

## ➤ Knowledge and information

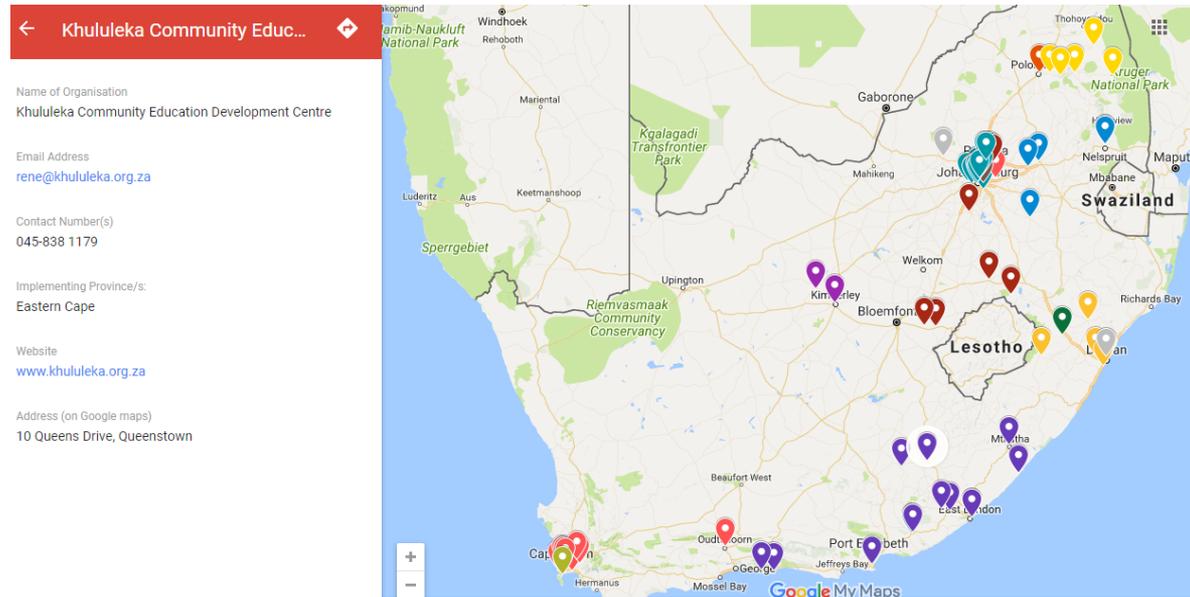
There are several dimensions to the lack of knowledge around registration processes. For example, submissions involving town planning departments generally require title deeds: but what happens in informal settlements where there are no title deeds, or in rural areas where the crèche may be situated on a farmland?

## ➤ Systemic and equity issues

In many provinces only a small percentage of crèches are registered. Social workers are supposed to be involved in giving assistance around the registration process, but often there is a lack of human resource capacity to carry this out.

# BRIDGE ECD Resource and Training Organisations Map

BRIDGE has updated its map of ECD RTOs to provide up to date information on the size, scope, capacity and distribution of RTOs across South Africa.



You can find the map on Google and on the BRIDGE Knowledge Hub



For a detailed overview of the August National ECD CoP meeting, read the Meeting Highlights on the BRIDGE Knowledge Hub.

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