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1ST ANNUAL PAN-AFRICAN SYNTHETIC PHONICS SUMMIT

Transforming English Literacy Levels
with Jolly Phonics



29TH - 30TH AUGUST 2024

VICTORIA & ALFRED WATERFRONT, CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA

Universal Learning Solutions, the Western Cape Department of Education, Jolly Futures and Caxtons Books warmly invite you to join us in Cape Town on 29th and 30th August 2024 for our 1st Annual Pan-African Synthetic Phonics Summit.



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There is a crisis in reading in many African countries, which needs to be urgently addressed. However, an affordable, easily implemented solution exists.

This ground-breaking event provides a unique opportunity for key educationalists to explore how the evidence based, fast-track literacy methodology - synthetic phonics – can be used to radically transform the reading and writing levels of early grade learners. The Summit will provide a platform to share learning and experiences with an international audience; better understand Government approaches to the teaching of synthetic phonics, whilst building the institutional capacity of participants to manage large-scale literacy interventions.

Drawing on learning and expertise from Africa's largest literacy programme – Jolly Phonics – the event will bring together African education ministers, senior government officials, academics, civil society organisations and teachers to explore how synthetic phonics can be used as a tool, both in English and the African languages, to transform Africa's reading crisis.

SOME OF THE KEY QUESTIONS THAT THIS EVENT WILL LOOK TO EXPLORE INCLUDE:

- + What is the 'science of reading' and how can this be used to transform literacy levels?
- + What is the evidence base for synthetic phonics in Africa?
- + Can synthetic phonics be used to improve home language literacy?
- + How important is teacher motivation and what impact does Jolly Phonics have on this?
- + Does the monitoring and mentoring of teachers improve the impact of synthetic phonics projects?

The work of two of the leading proponents of synthetic phonics in Africa – Nigeria, where over 200,000 teachers have now been trained in Jolly Phonics, and the Western Cape in South Africa – will be showcased, with a view to participants gaining a better understanding of what impact can be made to address the endemic low learning outcomes of pupils.



VENUE

Marriot Breakwater Lodge Hotel is housed in an historic 19th-century building, and boasts an unbeatable location in the heart of the city, within view of the majestic V&A Waterfront and the iconic Table Mountain. The venue is linked with the University of Cape Town's Graduate School of Business.

This conference venue in Cape Town provides modern audiovisual facilities and high-speed internet access and, is equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi access and the latest A/V technology.

COSTS:

Full Delegate R1450

Day Delegate R850

REGISTRATION ONLINE

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Closing date for registration is 30th July 2024



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EVENT PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST

8.45 - 9.15 Arrival and Registration
9.15 - 9.30 Welcome Address
Gary Foxcroft, Chief Executive Officer,
Universal Learning Solutions, CIC.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

9.30 - 10.00 Investing in Literacy for Future Prosperity:
The Western Cape Education Department
Vision - Mr Brent Walters, Superintendent-
General (SG) of the Western Cape Education
Department (WCED).

10.00 - 10.30 Growing and Sustaining Africa's Largest
Synthetic Phonics Project - Jolly Phonics:
Lessons Learned - Dr Hameed Bobboyi
Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education
Commission, Nigeria.

10.30 - 10.50 Coffee Break

10.50 - 11.30 The Importance of Synthetic Phonics in the
Science of Reading - Prof. EJ Pretorius,
Professor Emerita and Research Fellow in the
Department of Linguistics and Modern
Languages, Unisa.

11.30 - 12.10 National Level Strategies to address South
Africa's Reading Crisis - Mboniseni
Nematangari, Curriculum Implementation
and Quality Improvement Directorate,
Department of Basic Education - TBC .

12.10 - 12.50 Introducing the Jolly Futures Programme -
Sian Issa Summers, Programme Manager and
Sheba Moyo, Projects Officer, Jolly Futures CIC.

12.50 - 13.50 Lunch Break

13.50 - 14.30 The Role of Teacher Motivation in Successful
Synthetic Phonics Programmes - Interactive
Workshop with Teachers from Western Cape
government primary schools.

14.30 - 15.10 The Impact of Jolly Phonics in the Western
Cape - Natalie Southgate, Foundation Phase
Deputy Chief Education Specialist for English,
Western Cape Education Department.

15.10 - 15.30 Coffee Break

15.30 - 16.10 The Need for Effective Partnerships to
Improve Early Grade Reading Outcomes with
Jolly Phonics in Lesotho - Khosi Mofolisa,
Literacy Officer, Dolen Cymru, Lesotho.

16.00 - 16.50 Jolly Learning Global Mission - Gilbert Jolly,
CEO, Jolly Learning Ltd.

16.50 - 17.00 Closing Remarks

FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST

7.30 - 10.00 School Visits (for interested participants)
8.45 - 9.15 Arrival and Registration
9.15 - 9.30 Welcome Address - Patrick Uzu, Nigeria
Country Director, Universal Learning Solutions
Initiative.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

9.30 - 10.10 Contextualised approaches to transitioning
ESL learners from literacy in local language
to literacy in English: the Jolly Phonics journey
in Zambia. Minister of Education, Douglas
Munsaka Syakalima - and Daniel Zulu, Zambia
Director, Beyond Ourselves.

10.10 - 10.50 An Investigation of the Cross-Language
Transfer of Reading Skills: Evidence from
a Study in Nigerian Government Primary
Schools - Prof. Pauline Dixon and Dr Steve
Humble, Newcastle University.

10.50 - 11.10 Coffee Break

11.00 - 11.50 Building Early Grade Literacy Skills: The
Synthetic Phonics Advantage - Dr Sulliemann,
Federal College Education, Zaria, Kaduna
State, Nigeria.

11.30 - 12.10 Using Synthetic Phonics for Teaching Home
Language Literacy - Portia October,
Funda Wanda.

12.00 - 12.40 The Impact of Jolly Phonics on the PIRLS
Results - Chris Jolly, Chairman, Jolly Learning Ltd.

12.40 - 13.40 Lunch

13.40 - 14.20 Understanding the Importance of Monitoring
and Mentoring of Teachers: An Introduction
to the Jolly Monitor System - Dr Louise Jolly
and Patrick Uzu - Universal Learning Solutions.

14.20 - 15.00 Strengthening Impact: Using Jolly Grammar to
Extend Impact in Namibia - Namibia Ministry
of Education Team.

15.45 - 16.05 Coffee Break

16.05 - 16.45 Interactive Session - Planning for the future.

16.45 - 17.00 Thanks and Closing Remarks



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