



Play Forums at Work



Based in Pietermaritzburg, KZN, this Community Play Forum was initiated in 2018 by the NGO, Breakthrough Community Action (BCA). They were one of three organisations that accepted the invitation from ACTP to become involved in a Play Forum project. ACTP provided all the start-up documentation needed.

In an interview, Thandi - BCA Director, said:

"The Play Forum really helped us to see the possibilities when community is more involved and active. The play audit we conducted with our Play Forum members was a wonderful tool for getting the community members interested and actively seeking more information about play, thinking about what we could do locally, and then actually doing things together."

Our biggest successes!

The increase in access to play for more areas

The addition of 3 new spaces for play – and a fourth which might happen if the municipality will take action against an individual acting as caretaker of a community hall who wants to be paid in order to allow children to play there.

Two new Kids Zones in Ward 34 are a direct result of the Play Forum initiative.

The local Councillor is very supportive and the Play Forum is part of "War Room" meetings. The organisation was not part of this group before the Play Forum project was initiated.





Diepkloof Play Forum at Work

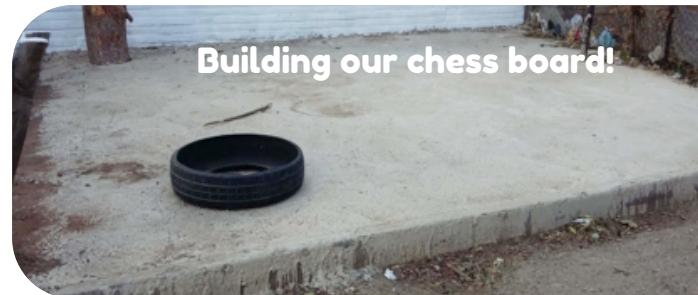
With the support of the Jo'burg Department of Sports and Recreation, the Diepkloof Play Forum consulted with children and began an ambitious project to create a play space in the grounds of the Diepkloof Multi-Purpose Centre in Soweto. This saw the creation of a giant chess board and other play activities. The launch was delayed due to COVID-19. However, with the country slowly returning to normal, building will continue to the delight of the Play Facilitators and children who will enjoy this facility.



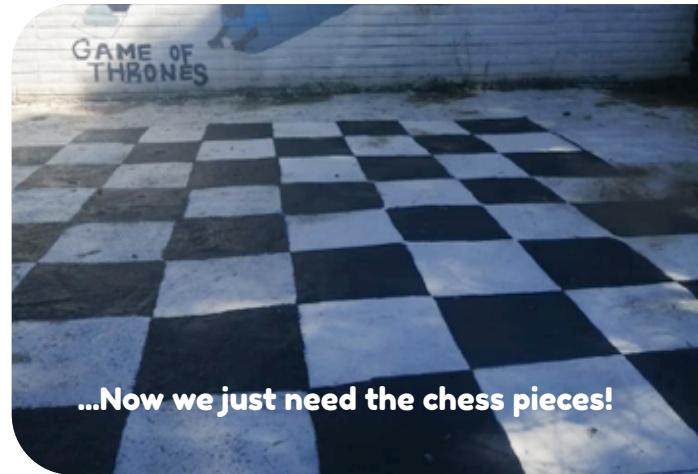
Ready, steady...play!
Planning session for Play Forum Members



Safety first!
Improving the safety of
our climbing tree



Building our chess board!



...Now we just need the chess pieces!