

WILDERNESS F O U N D A T I O N

The Social benefits of the Wilderness:


**Telling the story through the Wilderness Foundation SA's
nature –based intervention programmes for sustainable
Livelihoods**


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The Wilderness Foundation



PROGRAMMES

 Conservation

 Leadership & Education

 Social Intervention

 Advocacy & Awareness

 Green Leaf

“A positive force for social and environmental sustainability in Africa”

“We envisage a world that has sufficient intact natural ecosystems and wilderness areas that are valued and effectively protected for the benefit of all species.”



THE SOCIAL INTERVENTION PROGRAMME:

- Various social initiatives and projects for vulnerable youth
- Holistic programming and multi approach
- Empowers and equips vulnerable young people with skills to sustain livelihoods in formal and informal job sectors
- Develops conservation leaders with strong conservation ethos



Utilising the transformative and healing power of the Wilderness as a key pillar in the WFSA social programme strategy:

- Harnessing and inspiring leadership
- Wilderness as a metaphor for life
- Personal Growth and Development
- Wilderness principles and WF Philosophy
- Inspiring responsible citizenship and successful contribution to society



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The Umzi Wethu students expressions on the value of the wilderness and nature:

- “When I was a young girl I did not value nature, I was destroying it, but with the help of Umzi I have changed my negative attitude.” “It’s been ages since I smelt fresh air, where I come from there is only air pollution.”
- “The way these walks have been designed is pretty amazing because each walk is different and has its own special way of connecting you to nature, at the same time it gives you enough time to reflect back at your own life and reconnect with yourself.”
- What I learned about myself is that I am not 100% green and I need to help fight global warming because nature is too beautiful to be destroyed by us.”



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- “After this trail, I’ve learnt a lot about myself, I think positive, I have grown up as a individual, I am so happy that I have found Umzi because it has changed me a lot, I as an individual I will not fear the outside world anymore, keep on doing what you are doing, trying to change each and every individuals that is out there whom is vulnerable who can’t take decisions and can’t think clearly for her/himself. It’s a good thing.
- “Nature is a beautiful place and if you want peace and quiet go there and you’ ll find it”
- “I have learned that plants are the most precious things in our daily lives.”



THE END!