



Help the homeless make the space for them liveable

'GOD, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change..."
Wolwerivier, 30km outside of Cape Town. A place where the homeless could go live. A place where the infrastructure is limited. No prospects of work and almost no public transport. Really? Time to take action and dream big!

If this is the best the city can do for us, then we need to look at what needs to be done to make this area liveable.

Work with me here, please. If we can get reliable public transport to connect us with the city so people can go to work and kids can go to school, awesome! A mobile clinic maybe once a week? A mobile library? Can we get some students

to create some sort of an eco village? A recycling depot to create some sort of income for those who can work there? A skills development centre where people can learn work skills? Can business start up small factories to create employment? Organic vegetable gardens? Soap factories?

Take this piece of land, create magic, as it can be done. Make it a pilot project. Maybe some sort of Kibbutz like they have in Israel?

Those with the know-how, the expertise, can all come together and make it functional. There must be a way. Every town started off with a vision. And some grew into large cities.

Divert projects to Wolwerivier. Make it an example of how, when heads come

Danny's Diary



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together, life can be created in a place of almost no opportunities.

We bitch and moan about what the city does and not do, but at the end of the day, we all need to get involved. We need to be proactive. Employ people living there on an EPWP programme and let them start cleaning up and do what needs to be done.

You probably think I am crazy but in my soul, I know it can be done. It will take loads of planning, investing and work force, I know. But surely if we can spend so much money on the upgrading of the promenade, we can do something in Wolwerivier. You want the homeless out of the city... then help us to help ourselves.

Now I would like to share with you what can be done when the community

and business come together.

On Sunday, SouperTroopes had a homeless social event at the Carpenter Shop.

What a beautiful setting we had here. The ladies from the Temple Israel made sandwiches and the most beautiful cupcakes were supplied by Wilco Bakery. Gabriel Shai provided the music and did we dance! Dis-Chem, Old Mutual and Street Sleeper were very generous with donations given. Stretch Tent provided shade for the event.

We also had volunteers from the community who helped with the games tables, dishing out awesome soup, etc. Many people left with a new haircut. The Troopers, as we lovingly call ourselves, had a beautiful day. Thank you, Kerry.