

# School interns trained to assist learners

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Interns participating in an initiative by Mellon Educate in partnership with the Department of Public Works spent the school holidays from Monday 1 to Friday 5 October attending a boot camp aimed at raising self-awareness.

The initiative, which is aimed at equipping local residents with the necessary skills to assist learners in the classroom, saw 25 interns who work at schools in Happy Valley and Khayelitsha address topics such as mindfulness, personal development and goal setting.

According to Gino Overmeyer, Mellon Educate educational specialist and course convenor, the boot camp also focused on assisting interns with understanding literacy and comprehension skills.

“We want to equip the interns with the skills to enable them to assist learners in comprehending and understanding their question papers,” says Overmeyer.

“We also asked for their feedback on particular aspects of the internship, ensuring that they feel comfortable in their respec-

tive roles.”

The interns will work at schools in Happy Valley and Khayelitsha for the duration of this year, after which at least 30% of the

group of interns will be permanently employed.

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The interns and course facilitators who participated in the intern training during the school holidays at Happy Valley Primary School.