



Making a difference:

Teen Persona Doll Pilot Training

PDT marked another milestone in July 2016, when our first Teen Persona Doll Pilot training took place in Johannesburg. Four PDT Trainers worked in small groups with 100 Mentors, Senior Mentors, and Safe Park Coordinators from The National Association of Child Care Workers (NACCW). The pilot was developed with NACCW support to test the two-day training course and our growing collection of teenage stories. A range of topical issues relating to HIV and AIDS were covered, including stigma, disclosure and up-to-date facts and information on medication, contraception and female condoms, sugar daddies or 'blessers', being a 'real man', Ukuthwala and xenophobia.

We received positive feedback from all of the trainers about both the Teen Persona Doll methodology and the stories. The participants confirmed that these authentic, realistic stories would greatly facilitate their work engaging with teenagers. [Read more](#)



Also featured in this newsletter



Masibumbane PDT

We were delighted to respond to a request from Masibumbane in East London to conduct training in the Persona Doll Approach with the ECD Practitioners they work with. Masibumbane is a development organisation who partners with others to facilitate and involve communities in mobilizing resources and designing programmes on local health, education and social development needs. Grounded in a commitment to self-advocacy and social justice, they have strong relationships in both the health and education sectors. [Read more](#)



Diversity training

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