

BLACK PEOPLES' CONVENTION



HOME EDUCATION SERVICE PROJECT (H E S P R O).

A. GENERAL BACKGROUND:

The need for such a project which would have as its major aim to promote Black adult education in South Africa was strongly felt at the first National Congress of P P C , held at Hammanskraal in December, 1972. As a result the following Resolution was unanimously adopted :

RESOLUTION 21/72.

" That this Congress noting :

1. That there is a need for adult education amongst Blacks in South Africa ;
2. that there are other Black organisations involved with adult literacy in the country ;
3. that Black organisations should not duplicate their efforts or compete amongst themselves in their involvement with Black community progress but rather co-operate with one another ;

THEHEREFORE RESOLVES:

1. To mandate the National Executive Committee to establish contact with the relevant organisations and discuss areas of co-operation with these organisations ;

AND FURTHER :

2. mandates the National Executive Committee to investigate the possibility of establishing a home education service for the Black community and ;
3. that the National Executive Committee reports progress to the Second National Congress. "

The feeling in this resolution came out of the observation by Blacks that Blacks in South Africa , who constitute a population of THIRTY (30) million have a 70% rate of ILLITERACY. In the rural areas less than 3% of the Black population is literate.

There are many reasons that can be brought forward to account for this grave abnormality e.g.

- (i) economic strangulation of Blacks by economic exploitation meted to our people by the vicious capitalist economy;
- (ii) lack of educational facilities by way of public/private schools; although Blacks by way of taxes (direct or indirect) and other forms of exploitation by whites contribute the largest portion than whites for education not only of Blacks but of all people in South Africa.

These and other things led to SPC's decision to establish a national educational service for Blacks in this country.

B. SEPTEMBER SEMINAR OF HESPRO (22nd Sept. 1973)

1. AIM:

The major aim of this seminar is to investigate the possibility of establishing a home education service for the adult population of the Black Community. This seminar will formulate, amongst other things, the modus operandi for such a project. This in effect means drawing up a curriculum for HESPRO. There will also be a need to stipulate all requirements for the project, e.g. number of staff members, material to be used, etc.

2. MODES OF OPERATION.

HESPRO, as may be deduced, is intended to be an independent project and it is hoped that it will gradually become self-sufficient. HESPRO will operate both in urban and rural areas but concentration will be in the remote areas of the country where educational facilities are very inadequate if non-existent.

C. APPEAL FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

An appeal for contributions is made to the general public and to all Black organisations, churches and other agencies to assist us in this great task and duty we all owe to our Black brothers and sisters, our fathers and mothers who suffer from ignorance, poverty and disease.

All donations should be sent to:

The Home Education Service Project, ***** ***** ***** *****	SECRETARY GENERAL BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION BOX 11427 JOHANNESBURG
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All contributions HESPRO will be very much appreciated and on behalf of the adult Black population we wish to say thank you for your support.

D. ESTIMATED COSTS FOR UNITAR:

The costs for the establishment of HESFPO as a permanent educational project are estimated as follows.

ESTIMATED COSTS:

1. FUEL COSTS - Boarding & Lodging for 2 days: 30 participants at \$3 per day	2	0
	300	00
2. Transport	300	00
3. Material (Stationery) to be used	100	00
4. Hidden Costs	100	00
	TOTAL	300 00

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