

Robynne Botha

Internship: July - October 2016



ABOUT ME

- ▶ Grew up in Pretoria, South Africa
- ▶ I'm Afrikaans
- ▶ Moved to Cape Town in 2012
- ▶ Did my Bachelor of Social Science undergrad at UCT: Specialised in Anthropology, International Relations and French
- ▶ Currently doing my BSocSc Honours in Justice & Transformation at UCT

EXPECTATIONS

- ▶ Applying what I learned at university to real-life problems
- ▶ Gaining skills that are beneficial to my future career
- ▶ Doing practical fieldwork
- ▶ Gaining better insight into the social ills of South Africa
- ▶ Learning more about the world of NGOs to decide whether this is a career path I would like to follow

ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Attending Kayelitsha Youth Summit on Xenophobia
- ▶ Writing Funding Proposal for MISEREOR
- ▶ Organising Women's Month #RecogniseYourWorth campaign and event
- ▶ Observing 2016 Municipal Elections
- ▶ Interacting with School Clubs
- ▶ Liaising with William Kerfoot from Legal Resource Centre on Education Crisis
- ▶ MC at Heritage Day Celebration of Cultural Diversity event
- ▶ Giving Afrikaans Lessons



WHAT I LEARNED

- ▶ Skills such as writing concept notes, funding proposals, reports etc
- ▶ I realised the awe-inspiring will of the youth to make a difference, and met some truly inspiring young people who have so much to offer, and now truly believe that the youth are our future.
- ▶ I learnt more about my country and my city, especially the parts of it that I would never have seen on my own
- ▶ I gained better insight into the issues facing my country, but also learnt that there are always ways to solve these issues, and most importantly people who are willing to work towards a better country. There is always hope.
- ▶ I overcame some of my fears (stage-fright & feeling intimidated by important people)
- ▶ Teamwork!
- ▶ I learnt to be outside my comfort zone, take the lead and take initiative
- ▶ IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM AND SELL THE SOLUTION

WHAT I WILL MISS

- ▶ Smoke breaks with Ronel, Gentry and Alice
- ▶ Zoe's wisdom and big dreams
- ▶ Brilliant's guidance and insight
- ▶ Birthday celebrations
- ▶ The kids at the School Clubs
- ▶ "Where's the office phone?"
- ▶ The feeling of making a difference
- ▶ My Africa Unite family

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO
LEARN SO MUCH AND SHOWING ME THAT THERE IS
ALWAYS A WAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE