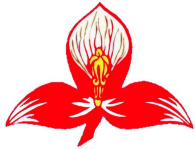

AZAAD CENTRE - ZONNEBLOEM, DISTRICT SIX - September 2007



The Azaad Youth Development Centre runs a three year entrepreneur program for previously disadvantaged youth from the various Western Cape communities. Azaad is a registered non profit organization (NPO 015-197) established in 1992 and partially funded by the Department of Social Services and Poverty Alleviation.



Although currently in a state of disrepair the Azaad centre has potential as a possible heritage site as it is one of the few original buildings remaining in District Six. Situated on the slopes of Table Mountain with magnificent views of the mountain and Robben Island, the Azaad centre can become an inspirational site for both tourist and locals.

In this building, visitors will be able to observe South African youths, selected by their diversified communities, developing a wide variety of business skills. Samples of their products and services will be on sale to visitors including marimba instruments, catering facilities, textile designs, pottery, sound recording, picture framing and tourist artifacts.

The requested funding is for improving the basic facilities including:

Providing toilets for the 300 students.

Checking & upgrading the electricity supply

Upgrading the plumbing of the kitchen

Refurbishing the outside workshop

Providing access gates & ramp for tourists

Possibly, if funds permit, providing toilet facilities for tourists

Members of The Rotary Club of Newlands managed the project on behalf of the funders, Peninsula Beverages, who contributed approximately R250 000.
