UKUWELA **Enabling employment for learners** with disabilities

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Carpe Diem School and Ukuwela



- About the school
- Rationale for the program
- Ukuwela = 'To cross over'
- Supported employment
- The process
- The learners and outcomes



Research methodology



- Aim of the research
- Qualitative research
- Collective case study
- Convenience sampling
- Semi-structured interviews
- Inductive analysis: within case and cross-case

Participating in Ukuwela Learners' perspective



1. Access to opportunities

- 'Wouldn't get the job'
 - 'Wouldn't know'
 - Qualifications
 - Stigma
 - Shy

2. The impact of a job

- 'It means a lot to me'
 - Enjoyment
 - Sense of belonging
 - Builds self esteem
 - · Learn new skills
 - Earn a salary
 - Future plans

3. The function of a job coach

- Focus on work tasks
- Focus on work ethic
- Practical aspects
- Being there

Participating in Ukuwela A business perspective



1. Fears

• The unkown

- Fear of disability
- Fear of responsibility

• Taking a risk

- Risk of injury
- 'They are so young'

2. Enabling participation

Support

- Job coach
- Job support
- Job matching
- Work placement
- Disability education
- Get to know them

Availability of work¹

1. Moya, S. (2018, February 13). South Africa Unemployment Rate. Retrieved from https://tradingeconomics.com/southafrica/unemployment-rate

3. Advantages of participation

Business for Good

- Enabling a future
- Making a difference
- Influence on co-workers

Good for Business

- 'There is a source'
- Good quality work
- Good workers



Positioned for impact



- Needs, challenges and questions
- Who are we?

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