



To bring hope to our community through education

# "Gateway into Reading" A Summary for Educators



# **“Gateway into Reading”**

“Gateway into Reading” is a programme developed by the Neema Foundation. The Neema Foundation is a NPO established by Kloof Baptist Church. The heart of the foundation is to bring hope to the community through education. The Neema team believe that the ability to read is fundamental to learning and have found “Gateway into Reading” to be an efficient tool in the teaching of foundational skills. The Neema Foundation is committed to focus on those learners who could not afford to pay for the help they need in this area. With this in mind, we are making this material available to any organisation wanting to make a difference to their community through education.

## **What are the benefits of “Gateway into Reading”?**

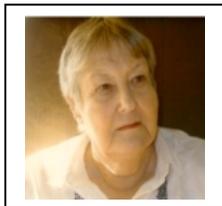
This programme

- is structured so that each learner, may enter the course at his own level of expertise and is able to proceed at his own pace.
- is hierarchical in nature and very structured ensuring all basic skills are thoroughly experienced.
- breaks the “code” of letters, sounds and words empowering learners to decode and encode confidently and to develop and internalise the basic reading skills.

- uses an eclectic approach which ensures that learners are able to build on their strengths and remediate any weaknesses.
- is structured so that learners interact with educators ensuring auditory, visual and verbal activities.
- employs a variety of educational activities during each session helping learners to stay focused and experience the skills in different situations.
- has built in continuous revision which develops confidence and ensures experiences of success at each level.
- is presented in a manual containing all instructions, assessments, lesson plans, worksheets and apparatus needed by the teacher. The copyright on the manual enables each organization to make unlimited copies of any one page.



## What do other educationalists say after experiencing “**Gateway into Reading**”.



### **Mrs Lesleigh Harvey**

*Retired Lecturer, Academic H.O.D. Remedial*

I am delighted to be associated with this Neema project. The programme addresses a vital area in the learning to read process. It breaks ‘the code’ of letters, sounds and words, providing the learner with the basic tool to take responsibility for his/her own reading progress.

### **Mrs Lynn Dobson**

*Principal – Kloof Junior Primary*

The children have made amazing gains by having this individual, caring assistance. This is a wonderful community service that is greatly needed by the community.



### **Ms Arti Jadoo**

*Principal – Gilletts Primary School*

Our special thanks to the Neema Foundation for using their fantastic material to help our pupils. We have seen much improvement as a result of this one-on-one programme and many of our pupils have now started to read.

### **Mrs Gail Ross**

*Remedial Unit Teacher at Kloof Senior Primary*

Many of our children have benefited from the Neema Reading program. This amazing material takes children back to weaknesses in their basic phonics. Step by step we see a definite improvement in their reading and spelling.



# What do you need to start “Gateway into Reading”?

- \* Trained teacher to head up your project
  - \* Photocopier and paper
- \* A set of alphabet letter flash cards
- \* “Gateway into Reading” manual

## What training is required for educationalists using “Gateway into Reading”?

Before educationalists are accredited by the Neema Foundation to use “Gateway into Reading” they are required to attend training by Neema staff. This training comes in two tiers:

- 1) training in the teaching of foundational reading skills, especially phonics - for educationalists who have had limited experience in this area.
- 2) training on how to use “Gateway into Reading” – for all educationalists wanting to use the programme.



## What do teachers say about the “Gateway into Reading” training?

“Thank you for a highly professional and worth while presentation. It is obvious much hard work has been done. Congratulations!”

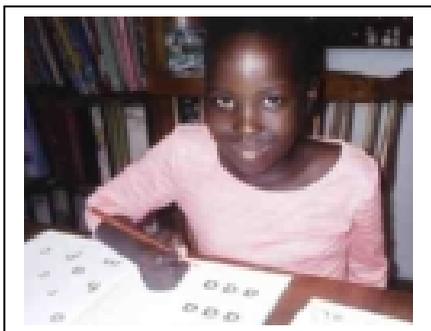
“Well done, the whole day was professionally presented in a non threatening, most comfortable venue. Thank you to all concerned. This has set a high standard for those who wish to make Neema a part of their mission.”

“What a well presented presentation, one of the best I have been to and the most beneficial to me as an educator.”

“Thoroughly enjoyed the day and excited to use this programme.”

“It has been a very beneficial day, especially in getting an overview of the whole programme and the progression and recording. Everything has been so beautifully explained. Thank you.”

“Well done, it has been a very beneficial worth while day and I am excited for this interaction.”



## What do some of our learners think about their lessons?

"Can you come twice a week?"

"I have fun doing reading activities."

"I'll never be away from school the day you come."

"I get help to learn and the people are loving and caring."



## What do some of our parents say about our programme?

"My son at home is being called the English teacher because his English is tremendous."

"In 2012 my son get a prize for improved English"

"I see a big improvement from the time he started."

"His report is good, even his behaviour is good."

"Neema is their to help those who can't afford to pay the high fees for the tuition."



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community please contact us on  
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