WPI Cape Town Project Centre Co-Researcher Scholarship Agreement

This agreement is between the Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) Cape Town Project Centre, the Community Organisation Resource Centre (CORC), Stellenbosch Municipality and Community Co-Researchers. These Partners agree to cooperate on a Programme of research and community development in Langrug informal settlement. The overall objectives of the Programme are to advance the capacity of co-researchers to work effectively with community members and Programme Partners to advance sustainable community development and in situ upgrading in Langrug. A particular Programme focus will be to research, plan and implement innovative water, sanitation and hygiene (WaSH) and greywater management programmes. The scholarship will extend the work begun in 2011 between the Partners in Langrug, and will be for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.

As part of this initiative, the co-researchers will:

- Participate in programme planning activities.
- Constantly engage and report to CORC and Stellenbosch Municipality for planning and research support.
- Conduct research in the community to understand and plan WaSH and greywater management interventions and other upgrading initiatives.
- Facilitate community WaSH and greywater management self-help efforts, and liaise between the community and the partners in support of such efforts.
- Work to develop their research and communication skills in areas such as writing, public engagement, computer use, photography and video, etc.
- Prepare and submit to WPI bi-monthly written progress reports, participate in occasional telephone meetings with WPI, and present results of programme activities to others.
- Work closely with WPI students and faculty when they are in Langrug to evaluate the work done so far and to develop future strategies and implement other in-situ upgrading projects. WPI students will work in Langrug from 22 October 2012 to 14 December 2012, and WPI faculty will visit then and also in May to June 2012.

As part of this program WPI will support the co-researchers through:

- Access to a computer, camera and other equipment to support programme activities.
- Sharing research and technical support around WaSH and grey water projects.
- Giving co-researchers a formal letter of participation from WPI at the project’s conclusion describing their contributions.
- A stipend for each full day of programme participation. A day of programme participation shall be defined as at least 8 hours on average devoted to the activities described herein, or agreed to by the parties.
- This scholarship does not entail formal university credit from WPI.

The parties agree to foster good, open communication regarding project development and any problems or concerns arising from their work together. Each party may end their participation in this agreement at any time.