

# Creating the “People’s Garden” Terrace

## **1. Gathering Materials**

After carefully evaluating the memory place’s structural requirements, the team proceeded to look for a store to buy the materials needed to build. We went to several stores looking for the bricks necessary to turn the memory place into a garden wall. Different companies were contacted but in the end the one with the proper size and weight of bricks was Terraforce. Later on that week, after purchasing the materials, the team concluded that in order to ensure the material’s timely arrival, Heddle Hardware CC would have to pick up and deliver the bricks to the Canterbury Street Lot.

## **2. Building the Memorial**

The whole building process for the memorial lasted four days. Monday and Tuesday were focused on breaking ground and digging up the area in which the memory place would be built. After appreciating the soil’s bad quality, we had to re-design our memory place from a wall into an escalated terrace. On Wednesday, we dug a trench for the first row of bricks, bought the materials required to built and received the bricks from Heddle Hardware CC. Thursday was construction day. With the help of our co-developers and the streetscape program we were able to build the memory place in its totality in seven hours.

## **3. Painting the Terrace and Prepping for Planting**

Our sponsor gave us the idea of painting the wall a flat color in order to keep the focus of the space on the plaque and flowers. We chose an earthy tone, purchased it Friday morning, and showed up to the terrace to find one of our co-developers waiting for us. With Keegan, Tati, Miguel, and one co-researcher painting the wall, it only took a couple hours. More detail was paid to the junctures and faces of the bricks in the direction people would be viewing it from. We also made sure to paint down into each brick in case the level of the soil dropped. Once painted, we used leftover stones from the construction phase as a filler to allow for 5-7 inches of soil for the flowers once planted.

## **4. Celebrating the Lives of Those Who Have Passed**

During our last week in Cape Town, a memorial service was hosted on the newly built memory place to commemorate those from the past and promote the space in the community. With great success, people were able to plant a flower for a loved one from District Six or from the street. Now that there is a permanent space people can use, they have the ability to get together to remember those they have lost. Altogether, it invites all in the area to interact with the street community and promotes a more inclusive space as people from the street and anyone else in the surrounding area can use the memory place.