

Childrens Resource Centre

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The end of apartheid has allowed equal rights for all South Africans regardless of race, gender and social background to correct the social inequalities created by decades of apartheid. South Africa has seen an increase in Non-Profit Organisations which generally improve the quality of life for others at a community, local, state, national, or even global level. One such organisation is the Children's Resource Centre (CRC) which was founded in 1983 by Mr Marcus Solomon. The organisation operates nationwide in South Africa. One of CRC's key purposes is to help Children to build a better world for the next generation. One of the organisation's branches is in the Eastern Cape and has 43 members. One of the organisation's members, Cde Sisipho Pink said all the members of the organisation are active in the community.

People who are active in the community and show leadership can be members of the organisation. All the members share a common goal of protecting and guiding children. Although CRC has board members and a coordinating team, the community forms part of the bigger structure which constitutes the leaders of the organisation. The leaders are developed and trained through monthly skills workshops. Since the organisation operates nationwide, the leaders rely mainly on WhatsApp as a means of communication to organise their annual plans, activity and events, they also coordinate monthly meetings. This platform is also used for leadership elections.

The leaders are held accountable through regular evaluations and giving feedback to the community. The daily activities of the organisation include assisting learners with homework and reading classes. A partnership with a local care centre has resulted in a successful Gender Based Violence (GBV) campaign which focused on educating the youth on GBV. This campaign was important and educated the community about gender equality.

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