

## **The Impact of Khanya College on Activists**

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Khanya College in Johannesburg will be having its annual Winter School marking 25 years of teaching and developing the capacities and skills of activists all around the country. In many communities, the working class is powerless and voiceless but Khanya College has been organising working class communities by, among other things, training activist journalists who become the voice of their communities. The activists can stand up and solve problems encountered in our communities.

We as activists expect education and to acquire some experience from Khanya College so that we can fight for liberation within our communities: fighting patriarchy, inequality, and the poverty our communities face. In our organisations, we tend to face cases where we do not have any knowledge on how to solve them, but the Winter School equips us with skills and methods on how to deal with such cases.

In a small location called Bathurst, near Makanda (formerly Grahamstown), Eastern Cape, we are currently facing a very hard time. There, two babies were found disposed of inside a toilet and the other was found by a garbage site. Both newborns were already dead when found. These two babies were reportedly less than a week old. With the Winter School, we know we will come up with a way, as community leaders, to support the family and the community at large. The problem hinges on the fact that many people in Bathurst are financially stranded because of unemployment and poverty which leads to the situation faced.

We know that at Khanya College they provide legal advice to us as activists to take home. It is advice that is beneficial to both our organisations and communities. Khanya has provided activists with writing experience so they can tell untold stories about our the community. Lesser-known struggle heroes in this way can be known and appreciated by the communities they come from; all credit to Khanya College.

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