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## Seminar to examine UCT students in community service

### **Schools Improvement Initiative Seminar: 'UCT in school, in community: How do we generate partnerships and energy for positive change?' 16h00, 31 July 2012, Humanities Building, LT2, Upper Campus**

The University of Cape Town will present its second seminar in the Schools Improvement Initiative series for 2012: Dr Janice McMillan will speak on "UCT in school, in community: How do we generate partnerships and energy for positive change?" at 16h00 on Tuesday, 31 July 2012, in Humanities LT2, UCT Upper Campus.

Dr McMillan will examine the opportunities and challenges of involving students in community service at UCT – a university with a long history of student volunteerism and a focus on global citizenship. This seminar will raise some of the debates about university-community student engagement and examine some of the benefits and the constraints of students' involvement in schools as a site of either extracurricular volunteer activities or service learning in the curriculum. Dr McMillan has invited student leaders who have been involved in organisations such as the Student Health and Welfare Centres Organisation (SHAWCO) and Ubunye to participate in the discussion and provide examples from their own experiences as volunteers. (Ubunye is a student-run development agency providing a range of opportunities for student social engagement.)

The participating students are: Jen van Heerden, a Masters student at UCT and former Ubunye student leader; Baveena Nathoo, who is doing Honours in Financial Analysis and Portfolio Management and is the current SHAWCO Education President; and Bianca Bohmer, who is doing her Masters in Economics and is the Chair of Ubunye.

### **About Janice McMillan**

Dr McMillan has been at UCT since 1994, teaching in adult education and, more recently, in service learning. She has a PhD in Sociology (UCT) and her thesis focused on service learning. Since 2010 she has been convening the UCT "Global Citizenship: Leading for Social Justice" programme at UCT. She has also been the service learning co-ordinator on Stanford University's Cape Town programme since late 2009, teaching students and setting up community partnerships. At UCT she is a board member of Shawco, and a steering committee member of the UCT Knowledge Co-op.

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