

THRASS (UK) in association with the Wits School of Education present

## **TIME FOR A NEW PHONICS APPROACH FOR TEACHING ENGLISH IN AFRICA?**

5-9 JUNE 2006  
University of the Witwatersrand,  
Parktown Campus  
Johannesburg, South Africa

This workshop offers interested parties the forum to debate issues surrounding the teaching of phonics in schools and universities in Africa as well as a two day accredited course on a new phonics approach and two days of visits to schools. This international workshop is likely to be of considerable interest and benefit to people working in **universities, associations AND governments** involved in the teaching and learning of basic English, such as teacher trainers, speech and language therapists and/or teachers of the deaf. Applications from senior officials in relevant institutions and associations are also welcome.

### **NO WORKSHOP FEES**

The workshop and resources are sponsored by THRASS (UK), England, so delegates only pay for travel and accommodation.

#### THE WORKSHOP IS IN THREE PARTS

5 June pm: Registration, Keynote Addresses and Official Reception

6-7 June: Two-day 'THRASS Accredited Certificate', presented by Alan Davies, Educational Psychologist & author of Teaching THRASS.

8-9 June: Visits to three schools in Johannesburg, including Masibambane College, Orange Farm Township, and presentations by two headteachers and an adviser from the UK.

#### THRASS (UK) FULL AND PART SPONSORSHIPS

- 15-16 March 05: Fulton School for the Deaf, Durban, SOUTH AFRICA (90 teachers of the deaf)
- 2-3 June 05: University of the Witwatersrand, Joburg, SOUTH AFRICA (130 student & lecturers)
- 10-11 Oct 05: Masibambane College, Joburg, SOUTH AFRICA (30 teachers)
- 14-15 Oct 05: National Union of Educators (NUE), Joburg, SOUTH AFRICA (130 teachers) beginning Jan 06 ~ Serowe THRASS Project, BOTSWANA (20 schools)
- 20-21 Jan 06: c/o Lincoln Community School, Accra, GHANA (30 teachers & lecturers)
- 27-28 Jan 06: National Union of Educators (NUE), Joburg, SOUTH AFRICA (160 teachers)
- 24-25 Feb 06: University of Pretoria, Pretoria, SOUTH AFRICA (160 student & lecturers)
- beginning April 06: Kwena Basin THRASS Project, SOUTH AFRICA (5 schools overseen by Wits)
- 15-16 May 06: National Union of Educators (NUE), Joburg, SOUTH AFRICA (160 teachers)
- 17 June-1 July 06: Wits Students to Visit Schools in England & Wales (9 students & 1 lecturer)

Application Forms are available from the Workshop Organisers:

Dr Jean Place, Head of Foundation Phase Programmes, University of the Witwatersrand.  
Mrs Hilary Davies, Company Secretary, THRASS (UK), Chester, England (details overleaf).

further details are available on  
[www.thrass.co.uk/witsworkshop.htm](http://www.thrass.co.uk/witsworkshop.htm)

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PLEASE COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION FORM AND SEND OR FAX A PHOTOCOPY  
or complete the Application Form online on [www.thrass.co.uk/witsworkshop.htm](http://www.thrass.co.uk/witsworkshop.htm)

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(but please send all application forms to Hilary Davies, details at foot of page)

Please use **BLOCK CAPITALS**.

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FULL NAME .....

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ADDRESS .....

TOWN ..... PROVINCE .....

COUNTRY ..... ZIPCODE/POSTCODE .....

Phone No: ..... Fax No: .....

EMAIL ADDRESS: .....

I/we understand that there is **NO WORKSHOP FEE**, that course resources and light refreshments will be provided during the workshop. I understand that I/we will be responsible for organising and paying for my/our own travel, accommodation and food outside of the workshop. Travel for the school visits, during the workshop, has been sponsored. I also understand that acceptance on the workshop may need to be on a first-come-first-served basis, or may need to be limited to a maximum number of applications from one institution (depending on the total number of applicants received for the workshop). Please tick

Signed : ..... Date of Application : .....

**Early application is recommended, as places are likely to be in demand.  
All applications will be acknowledged and successful applicants  
will be sent a letter of confirmation and a map.**

Please return this Application Form before Friday, **12 MAY 2006** (or ASAP) to:  
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