



**Technology for a Young Democracy**  
**Cape Town & Makhanda, South Africa**  
**June 1-11, 2020**

**Program Description**

This program will explore the use of technology in public and private spaces in what the World Bank has termed "the most unequal society on Earth." It aims to assess how technology is being deployed to rectify historical injustices like apartheid and colonialism as well as the role it is playing in the financial sector to promote development in urban and rural South Africa.

Beginning in Cape Town, participants will meet with activist groups who have been working to bring justice to South Africa since the times of apartheid. They will learn about current events and the underlying causes of the economic struggles and inequality through the lens of history. This grassroots perspective will be augmented by meetings with government officials and leaders in the financial sector charged with implementing the vision of a "new South Africa." Site visits may include: Ernst & Young, IBM, The Learning Trust, Old Mutual Investment Group and The HCI Foundation and offer substantial opportunities for professional development while gaining an insider's perspective of the industry.

The delegation then proceeds to Makhanda (approximately 70,000 people) where participants will be immersed in local culture and have the opportunity to experience daily life in a small town. Participants will take Xhosa language lessons, explore a township, meet with local artists and learn about the work of Inkululeko while engaging in purposeful volunteering, tutoring and collaborating on a social enterprise project. Previous projects include:

1. Creating tools and systems to maintain sanitary conditions in both the social enterprise and academic space in a community where water is extremely scarce and service delivery is often lacking.
2. Working collaboratively with local students on the development of study skills, conflict resolution and creating and maintaining a positive academic atmosphere for all learners.
3. Learning how technology can be developed to propel an organization's mission forward; developing and implementing the Inkululeko app
4. Using photovoice as a tool to explore the unique assets of a community and how learners can leverage those assets for their own personal/professional development.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to join a rich overseas experience and make a difference in the life of a South African youth!

## **Learning Outcomes**

Upon conclusion of the program, participants will be able to:

1. Speak about the role that decades of apartheid played in creating what the World Bank has called “the most unequal society” on Earth today.
2. Reflect on what an asset based approach to development is as well as how an asset based approach can be used in the communities they are a part of.
3. Articulate the role that NGOs, as well as small and large businesses are playing in the new South Africa.

## **Itinerary – DRAFT – SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

### ***Pre-departure***

Successful engagement prior to departure is key to maximizing participation in this delegation. After acceptance to the program, participants will be provided with a list of resources and guiding questions to begin preparing for the trip.

Program directors will also facilitate three sessions via an online platform and/or teleconference. These meetings will be supplemented by recommended readings, videos, and online platforms where participants can continue to engage with each other prior to departure.

### ***In-country***

#### **June 1, 2020**

Depart USA for South Africa

#### **June 2, 2020**

Arrival in Cape Town, group dinner with NGO leader

#### **June 3, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Xhosa language lessons

10:00 a.m. - Full-day tour of Cape Town

6:00 p.m. - Debriefing

7:00 p.m. - Group dinner

#### **June 4, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:15 a.m. - Xhosa language lesson

10:00 a.m. - Site visits

5:45 p.m. - Reflection session - legacy of apartheid  
6:30 p.m. - Group dinner

### **June 5, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast  
9:15 a.m. - Xhosa language lesson  
10:30 a.m. - Site visits  
1:00 p.m. - Lunch  
2:45 p.m. - Free afternoon to explore museums, Cape Point, etc.  
5:30 p.m. - Relaxation and dinner

### **June 6, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast  
10:30 a.m. - Professional development check in  
12:15 p.m. - Lunch  
2:45 p.m. - Site visits  
5:00 p.m. - Debriefing  
6:00 p.m. - Relaxation and dinner. Pack for leg #2

### **June 7, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Travel from CPT to Makhanda  
12:15 p.m. - Lunch  
2:45 p.m. – Introduction to Inkululeko’s mission and social enterprise  
4:00 p.m. - Optional trip to the Observatory Museum  
5:00 p.m. - Debriefing  
6:00 p.m. - Relaxation and dinner

### **June 8, 2020**

6:00 a.m. - Optional sunrise walk up to Settler’s Monument  
7:00 a.m. - Breakfast  
9:15 a.m. - Xhosa language lesson  
10:15 a.m. - Book club discussion on “Kaffir Boy” or similar book  
12:00 p.m. - Lunch  
2:30 p.m. - Volunteering at Inkululeko  
5:00 p.m. - Relaxation and dinner

### **June 9, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast at hotel in Makhanda  
9:30 am - Travel to Game Reserve  
12:00 p.m. - Lunch  
2:30 p.m. - Volunteering at Inkululeko  
5:00 p.m. - Relaxation and dinner

### **June 10, 2020**

7:00 a.m. - Breakfast  
9:15 a.m. - Xhosa language lesson

10:15 a.m. - Visit NGO  
12:00 p.m. - Lunch  
2:30 p.m. - Work on projects for Inkululeko  
5:00 p.m. - Inkululeko farewell party  
6:00 p.m. - Relaxation and dinner

## **June 11, 2020**

Depart South Africa for the USA (or individual trip extensions)

### ***Re-entry***

Participants will have an opportunity to debrief the experience through program evaluations and by contributing to a final report on the delegation. They will also become part of the Inkululeko and Global Youth Connect alumni network with opportunities for continued engagement.

### **Practical Matters**

#### ***a. Air Tickets***

Student participants are encouraged to consult with a student travel agency like [STA Travel](#) or [Student Universe](#) on special negotiated fares or free financing options like “Book Now, Pay Later.”

There are currently no direct flights to Cape Town from the USA however United Airlines is expected to begin service soon subject to [government approval](#). Participants are also encouraged to consider options via Delta Airlines and South African Airways who offer service via Johannesburg.

#### ***b. Accommodation***

This delegation will use local hotels, guesthouses or Air BnB. In Makhanda, participants will stay at the [Graham Hotel](#) (or similar).

#### ***c. Currency and Banking Cards***

The South African rand is the currency used in South Africa. 1 US dollar (USD) converts to approximately 14.5 South African rand (ZAR) as of June 2019. It is advised that participants convert at least \$150 worth of USD prior to the trip. Currency can be obtained at any major banking institution but often requires several days notice.

Additionally, participants should alert their bank and credit card companies of their intention to travel to South Africa and ask that the bank put a note on their account. Participants will be able draw money from South African ATMs and most major shops accept credit cards.

Failure to alert your bank and credit card companies could result in your bank and credit cards being frozen.

***d. WiFi/Communication***

There is free WiFi in Graham Hotel where you can Skype, Facebook, FaceTime, etc. Additionally, volunteers can download a free texting/calling tool called WhatsApp to communicate with people at home. Both parties must download the app to communicate.

All major US phone carriers offer international calling and data plans, ranging from free (T-Mobile's data works worldwide) to at least \$40. Many people who travel to South Africa with a program like this simply use the free WiFi in the hotel.

***e. Health***

We will not be traveling in a malarial zone with this program. Inkululeko and GYC advise all participants to consult with their primary care physician and/or a travel clinic to determine what, if any, vaccinations are needed prior to travel to South Africa.

***f. Passport***

Please ensure your passport has a minimum of two blank pages and is valid at least 6 months beyond the conclusion of your delegation. Prior to departing to South Africa, please send an image/scanned copy of your passport to [contact@inkululeko.org](mailto:contact@inkululeko.org).

***g. Entry Requirements***

US passport holders do not require a visa to enter South Africa for 90 days or less. All other passports holders are encouraged to check current entry requirements on the South African consular website for their home country or [here](#).