Ubuhle Bendalo offers a volunteer program called **Link Up**, which is a fun way to get to know South Africa and its people by volunteering for exciting social entrepreneurial projects led by inspiring community leaders and grass-root organizations we partner with.

1. **Our focus**
   - Community development
   - Entrepreneurship and Social Entrepreneurship
   - Practical food sovereignty
   - Building bridges and confronting social and cultural barriers

2. **We offer**
   - A sustainable community development volunteer program or an Internship in (Social) Entrepreneurship, which is innovative and integrative, in a township called Khayelitsha in South Africa
   - Affordable accommodation and food at one of our guest families in the township
   - The opportunity to contribute with your own ideas and individual skills or knowledge to community development and (social) entrepreneurial projects

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1 According to the SAFSC (South African Food Sovereignty Campaign) 14 mm people experience hunger in SA due to widespread poverty and a food system which is “unjust, unsafe and unsustainable”. This is not going unchallenged by communities and grass-roots movements, which started to mobilize for a different “fair food system” with the intention to democratically control the food system, so that it serves all the people of South Africa and affirms their right to food and provides them with enough nutritious food everyday. Practical food sovereignty brings together organisations, movements and individuals who strive for a sustainable food system every day.

2 Khayelitsha is located just outside of Cape Town on the Cape Flats, between Table Bay and False Bay and considered South Africa’s fastest growing township. It was established by the Apartheid regime to enforce the Group Areas Act as the solution to two problems: the rapidly growing number of migrants from the Eastern Cape and overcrowding in other Cape Town townships.
The opportunity to enjoy the advantages of being integrated in our township community while being included in social activities such as hikes and excursions in and around Khayelitsha and Cape Town in your spare time

Assistance with volunteer visas if required

3. Requirements

- Passion for community development and (social) entrepreneurship required
- Willingness to share knowledge and to be open to new experiences in a new and different environment
- Interest in working hand in hand with South African grass-root organizations and (social) entrepreneurs

We are looking for people with the following interests, skills, experiences or qualifications in:
- Interest in food sovereignty
- Digital media and/or marketing skills (e.g. Social Media management and/or marketing, digital photography, website development, web skills, word press, wix, newsletters)
- Interest, experience or qualifications in business development, business design or PR

Our Internship/Volunteer program is suitable but not limited to the following fields of studies:
- Human Geography, Ethnology, Postcolonial Studies, Sociology, Environmental Studies, Nutrition and Health, Food Systems and Sustainability, Education

*We would like to hear from you if there are any other skills you believe could contribute. Students or individuals with no experience but willingness to learn and open mind are welcome to apply as well.*

4. We follow 5 Core Principles:

1. Our volunteer program is a fun way to get to know South Africa and its people by getting involved in exciting social entrepreneurial projects led by inspiring community leaders and grass-root organizations we partner with.

2. As our volunteer/intern you contribute to create conditions of empowerment as well as economic and social progress for our community with their active participation and fullest possible reliance upon the community’s initiatives.

3. Sustainable volunteering in a post-colonial environment turns its attention to community development and social entrepreneurship. Here community members and social entrepreneurs focus on the redistribution of power to address the causes of inequality and
disadvantage by coming together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems.

4. Depending on your skills, experiences or interest, we custom make a volunteer program and schedule in collaboration with our partners.

5. You stay at an allocated guest family in Khayelitsha and your volunteer program is designed to integrate you into our community. You are expected to come with an open mind, to be keen to share knowledge and to be receptive for new experiences in a new and entirely different environment.

5. Apply

- Please send your CV and a motivational letter to:
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