

News

'A Unique Opportunity'

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Are you interested in the new WIBF program that focuses on actively encouraging women into public appointment positions?

One of the best ways to pick up news skills, experience and gain confidence in what you can gain from such opportunities is to start by working with a charity - this benefits you and the charity you choose. The skills and energy you can offer to a small charity will be invaluable and really make a difference.

A charity that is looking for enthusiastic talent to join its trustees is Thatu, one of WIBF's charities of the year last year and set up by Margery Povall, one of WIBF's founder members. The work of Thatu has been featured in both our January / February 2005 and March / April 2005 Magazines and you can see more on their website - www.thatu.org - including the current line up of trustees.



Children maintaining crops in the Thatu community garden at Lotus Gardens School, Pretoria (Tshwane)

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Thatu is run by a committed group of volunteers who are seeking to support the hard work of many individuals and communities in South Africa in developing a better future for themselves despite the ravages of poverty, climate and disease, particularly HIV / AIDS. Many of the grass roots volunteer workers in SA are women. During the first year of operation Thatu focused on nutrition and education with the creation of food gardens in the Cape Flats and Pretoria, as illustrated in the pictures on the previous page.

Finding projects is not hard; raising money requires imagination, bright ideas, and sometimes doing the unexpected! If you relish a challenge, have ingenuity and drive, and would enjoy working with a diverse team of volunteers, please think about contributing, either as a trustee or as a volunteer, and having fun on the way. You will learn much - we certainly have, even after many years in our own professions!

Thatu - and the beneficiaries of our gardens - needs you!

If you are interested or want to learn more, please e-mail info@thatu.org

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