**Community Engagement Benefits**

The benefits of community engagement into teaching and learning and research are reciprocal between the university and the community groups with whom staff and students engage.

### Community

- Mutually beneficial relationships
- Empowering people and communities for social change
- Positive social transformation
- Sustainable capacity building
- Enhancing the dignity and well-being of people and communities
- Access to resources

### Partners and relationships

- Affirms a culture of community involvement and engagement
- Mutually beneficial relationships
- Positive impact on staff self-image and sense of wellbeing
- Organisational development
- Knowledge exchange
- Relationship with research partners

### University

### General

- Fidelity to mission
- Sustainable presence and action with communities
- Empowering people and communities for social change
- Differentiation in the Higher Education market
- Research

### Staff

- Empowered to contribute to social change
- Research
- A sense of making a difference
- Positive impact on self-image and sense of wellbeing

### Students

- Experiential learning through meaningful engagement
- Learning valued for practical application
- Connectedness with local and wider communities
- Development of reflective practice
- Improved communication and organisational skills
- Research