**BCP SupportNet Meeting**

**29/03/2014, CPUT, 9h00 – 11h00**

**Facilitator: Louis Benjamin**

**Agenda:**

1. Registration
2. Introduce ourselves and why we are here
3. Pair- share
4. Questions and points to discuss
5. Any other news

* 8 teachers attended the SupportNet Meeting. All the teachers had been trained as BCP mediators over the last year. The teachers were from Metro Central (WCED), Metro South (WCED) and the School Development Unit (UCT).
* The following questions and points for discussion were raised:
  + There was a focus on the language development of learners who have participated in the programme – all teachers commented on the extraordinary improvements that they have noted in their learners
  + Kits and picture sets are needed to implement the programme – one teacher still needs materials!
  + Various ideas were generated to engage and involve parents – one teacher spoke about her approach and how she engages and works with parents
  + The role of the BCP in preparing learners for formal school learning – much discussion about the need for early intervention (Grade R)
  + The mismatch between the demands made on learners and what is developmentally appropriate – there was a lot of discussion about the need for the department of education to become more sensitized about the learning context
* Teachers participated and interacted eagerly and enthusiastically, discussing their BCP experiences and offering advice to each other. They seemed motivated and inspired about the process and the effects they are seeing in their contexts.
* The teachers all agreed to join the What’s App group and most teachers indicated that they had not yet signed up to receive the Newsletter
* The group agreed on the following words to sum up the session:

*Learnt a lot*

*Inspired*

*Informative*

*Motivating*