

Mojo Video Training Workshop Report

27 April to 1 May 2023

	<u>ON THE DAY!</u>	<u>LEARNING AREA</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE</u>	<u>PHOTOS!</u>	<u>CHALLENGES</u>
<u>DAY ONE</u>	There was great excitement at the group gathered at St Thomas Rondebosch. People came from Cape Town, from Mthatha , Johannesburg and Queenstown The group began to bond with some icebreakers led by JP We started our day by setting the scene spiritually. We looked at the theme of water Ezekiel 47:1-12)as it flows and brings life to rivers and wetlands. The trees bring	Background of film making/ cellphones When and how mobile journalism started Where mobile journalism is today 5 shot sequence (pictures only and videos)	10	 Dom starting the days session	The retreat centre has been taken over by new people and the catering was really bad.. this put everyone in a bad mood unfortunately. We spoke to the manager and it improved but only slightly

healing and fruit.
Our task in the face of
Climate Change - we know
that we will face challenges
of water shortage: so we can
be involved in adapting to
that challenge by : Saving
water, using water saving
ways of farming, cleaning up
and protecting rivers and
wetlands. We also need to
plant trees as they lower the
temperature and provide
shade



Beginning to learn the ropes



Day One supper "Chicken a la king" we were not impressed!

<u>DAY TWO</u>	The second day we moved to Zeekoevlei. This is a beautiful setting where the centre looks out over the Vlei. It also reminded us of the importance of protecting our wetlands Morning and Evening prayer by the vlei was beautiful	5 shot sequence (5 seconds videos) Unpacking smartphone video kits Learning about interviewing Learning about the apps and how to operate them(Cinema P4/Kinemaster /...) Short interviews with teammates	<u>10</u>	The setting at Zeekoevlei Filming partners	The food continued to be a challenge. One of the group wasnt feeling well
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<u>DAY THREE</u>	Due to safety reasons we thought it was better to stay within the premises and do the video shooting from there rather than going to the Mall Met Tom and Sydney from friends of Zeekoevlei & Rondevlei who taught us about Zeekoevlei They are part of the Lotus River Project which aims to keep the Vlei and wetlands clean and healthy Went on a boat around the vlei	Combining work learnt in day 1 and 2 Making short films with workers around property, editing and sharing with group.			Sive was feeling worse We got a fright as when we took him to the clinic we were told he might have mumps which gave us a scare especially the guys! But all was well and it was just a flu
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<u>DAY FOUR</u>	We all helped with the big clean up we were shocked to see how much rubbish was in the vlei We also got to use Sydney's drone! We went down to Muizenberg to visit the beach in the evening to allow for some time of self reflection but also get out of one space which we had been in for the past four days	Film of Tom cleaning vlei and Sydney being interviewed Deciding on the editing to be done		 Shocking amount of rubbish in the vlei!	<u>Sive went home not feeling well</u>
<u>DAY FIVE</u>	Despite the challenges the team learned a huge amount and bonded well. They are all ready and excited to take the project forward!	Editing short films short during the past four days		 Good friendships were formed	



Team PV!!!

Some comments from Participants:

- The training was great, it was informative and straight to the point meaning we learnt only what was needed and not much outside of that so it's easy to remember information, also the sessions were not too long.
- As a Mobile journalism training was an incredible experience for me. I learned how to produce high-quality multimedia content using only my smartphone and was amazed at how much power it gave me as someone who loves telling a story through video making and editing videos. I gained a deeper understanding of how to tell compelling stories using video and audio, and I feel more confident now about producing stories even in fast-paced environments.
- I am grateful for the experience I gained during the Mojo training. It has proven to me that there is a lot to learn about in the videography industry and capturing stories. The skills I've gained will surely help me capture great stories in the future.

Videos produced during the training: number and topics covered

1. We produced four videos. Unfortunately since it was a long weekend, Nazeer was not available from PHA and the volunteer at Rondevlei was not available on the second day. So we were only able to use one project - but it was interesting because the project impacts directly on the venue where we were staying. Going to the Mall with equipment/cell phones didn't feel like a very safe option. So all the videos were done with Sydney and Tom from the Friends of the

Rondevlei/Zeekoevlei.

How will the skills acquired during the training be used in the G. A network going forward:

This will help us get messages of how climate change is affecting our local communities to our audience across the globe, but also be used as a learning or awareness tool for our climate activists. We will be able to share stories of how people are adapting to climate change with small local actions that can be copied and shared by others.

Those who have attended have a new skill which they could use for employment purposes

Reflection on the training and suggestions on how it could be improved/changed

- The content of the training is good and important for our current modern society
- The training should be divided into two weeks so that trainers still have good energy to learn from the facilitator .
- More resources should be put into the program during and after to support attendees be it in forms of Data or moving around to get different stories from communities.