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Welaen Vrunden!

Ons wil graag ons lede herinner dat **Sigi Howes** haar lesing sal gee later die week:

Saturday 23 November 2024 (venue: Klein Zaal, SASNEV, Pinelands; time: 10:00)

Education at the Cape under the VOC: 1652-1795, and the role of the Dutch Reformed Church (DRC) in the development of education.

From the time that the VOC was active at the Cape, education was of a purely elementary character, and in the hands of the church. It was not compulsory and made provision only for religious instruction, some basic reading and writing, and rudimentary, and its purpose was nothing more than to prepare young people for church membership. And yet – there were pockets of excellence that allowed the British to build in after 1806 and it was directly due to the zeal and efforts of the DRC that the people in the outlying districts did not grow up altogether destitute of education.

Sigi Howes is the recently retired principal of the Western Cape Education Department's Centre for Conservation Education and Education Museum in Wynberg. As one of the functions of museums is to do research, it is this that has driven Sigi for the last twenty years to research the history of schools in the Western Cape mainly, but also the former Cape Province and before that the Cape Colony. Early education at the Cape is her specialist field and, even though retired, Sigi still gets many requests for information on early education. She holds a BA degree in History; a Primary Teachers' Diploma; a Higher Education Diploma; a Post-Graduate Diploma in Museology and a Master's degree in Education Policy Studies.

Ons sien uit om hierdie lesing te hoor.

Behouwde vaert!

A. Giardini (Voorsitter)
19 November 2024