

Email from Lin Helm of ABEShare.org to Sandra Land re draft report

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Subject: Re: Document on Community Colleges in South Africa

Dear Sandra and colleagues

Thank you for this comprehensive report which pulls together the many issues a number of us encounter on a daily basis.

If we are to have any kind of role as a task team surely we need to engage with the report and determine how we can advise on the way forward for our community colleges and post school education system? It is over a year since we met. Apart from this report there has been no communication yet the colleges are being established, councils are meeting and many matters are being put into place with long term repercussions. How do we influence and guide what is already being put in place?

As a council member, I am deeply concerned with the way colleges are being set up. We need much better input from across all provinces. It is like a closed shop, trying to get information. I do not see much co-operation with the NGO sector so far. Indeed, at a colloquium held last year one principal was heard to say that NGOs just wanted to get money from the system.

So, when are we going to meet? Are we as symptomatic a problem as the many challenges Sandra raises in the report?

I look forward to a response.

Regards

Lin