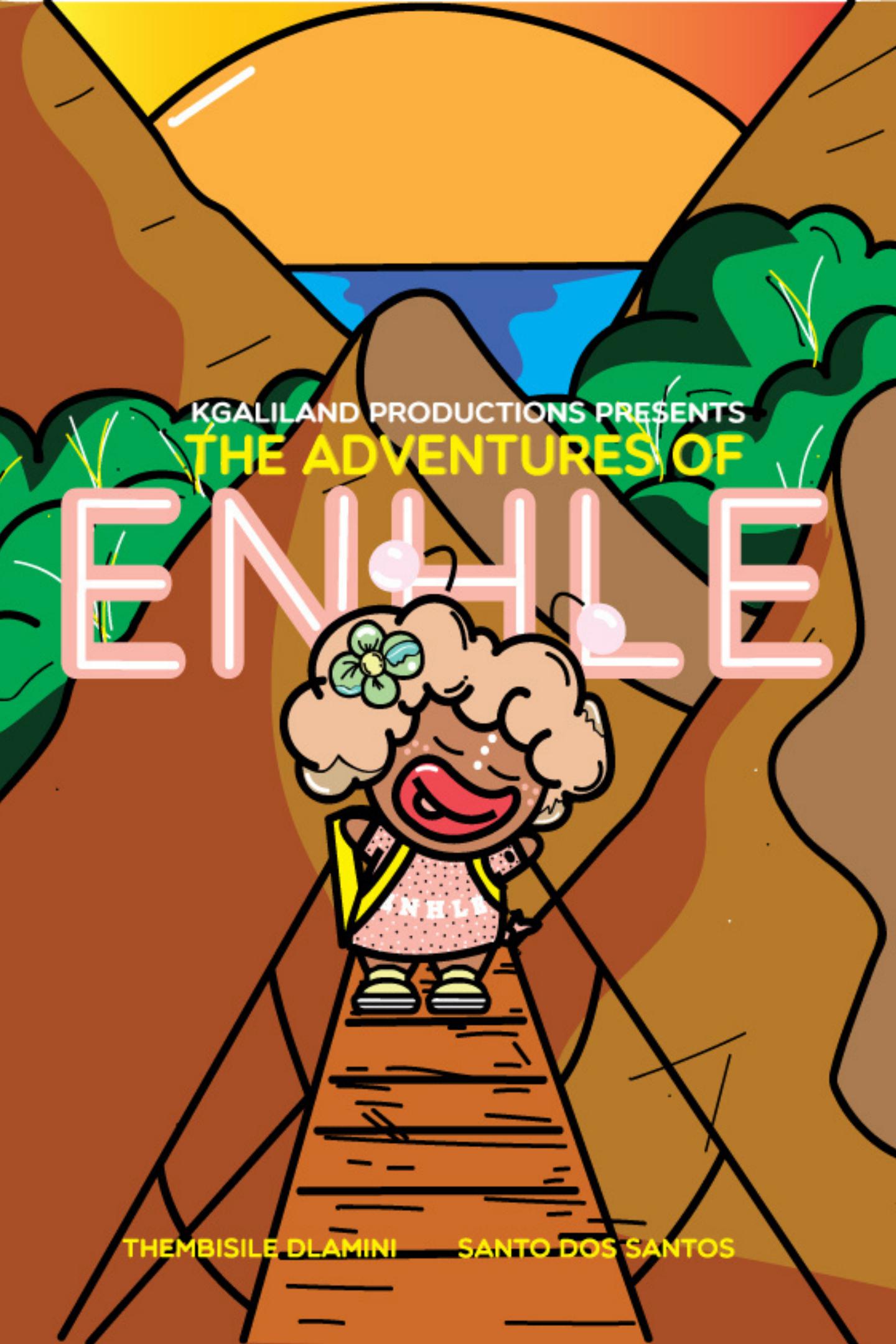




Childish Nature

IGNITING MOVEMENT & EDUCATION THROUGH NATURE



CHILDISH NATURE ARTS WORKSHOP

Childish Nature presents 'The Adventures of Enhle' Open Day workshop. The mandate of this creative workshop is to introduce a new children's book 'The Adventures of Enhle' by author Thembisile Dlamini (2021) and the accompanying action doll, produced by Kgaliland productions.

The workshop is an engaging arts workshop that seeks to bring Enhle's world into reality by exploring the story and the adventures she embarks on in the book; it also seeks to practically explore the themes of community-building, environmental awareness, courage, and bravery.

Facilitated by Lekgolo Mayatula, Khanyisile Mtshobile and Pretty Ngwenya, the methods used to explore the content are to ensure that the youth grasp the meaning behind the workshop aims; by getting a first-hand experience at engaging the themes.



CHILDISH NATURE PRESENTS ARTS WORKSHOP

The expected outcomes for the participants are rooted in building resilience through;

- Problem-solving, thinking, learning, and using the body.
- Building connected peer-supported communities within their family, community, and school environments to affirm positive self-identity, and improve their learning confidence and capability.
- Using creative arts for the youth to interact with their community.

Although these applied artistic practices are a form of expression, they are also a way for the participants to discover and empower themselves. It is a way for the youth to reclaim themselves and their personal story, it is a way for them to gain a new perspective and newly empowered clarity on how they can reclaim their power, which is the start of the transformation process.

OUR WHAT?

Creative and Educational Outdoor Workshops and Events

- We provide children-based environmental exploration (nature walks) in nature parks/reserves located in the city of Johannesburg; using the outdoors to get them active even in the inner city.
- We provide arts education workshops for young people, engaging them in various content centered around child and youth development
 - We provide children's reading books, activity books and merchandise centered around the product The Adventures of Enhle (as a starting point)
 - We provide children's merchandise centered around the product The Adventures of Enhle (reading book, activity book, t-shirts, and the Enhle stuffed doll)
- We provide children's educational entertainment centered around the product The Adventures of Enhle

WHY?

Our brand is child-focused, focused on teaching children that they can take agency in their own lives, and using their voices to speak up and solve problems where they can, whilst being unapologetically themselves. We are encouraging them to embrace the magic in their Childish Nature, despite what the world says.

WHOSE OUR TARGET?

Youth and young children in the city of Johannesburg
Our target audience is the youth of Johannesburg, children between the ages 3 - 13 split into groups; group one being the 3 -5 demographic, group two being the 5 - 10 demographic, and group three being the 10-13 demographic.

The aim is to give the youth living in the city who are often lacking the outdoors experience, a day of fun filled with learning and activity in nature spaces; and their parents and guardians who want their children to spend the day doing outdoor activities whilst they enjoy a relaxing day in the sun.

WHERE

Every 2nd Sunday of the month (every month)

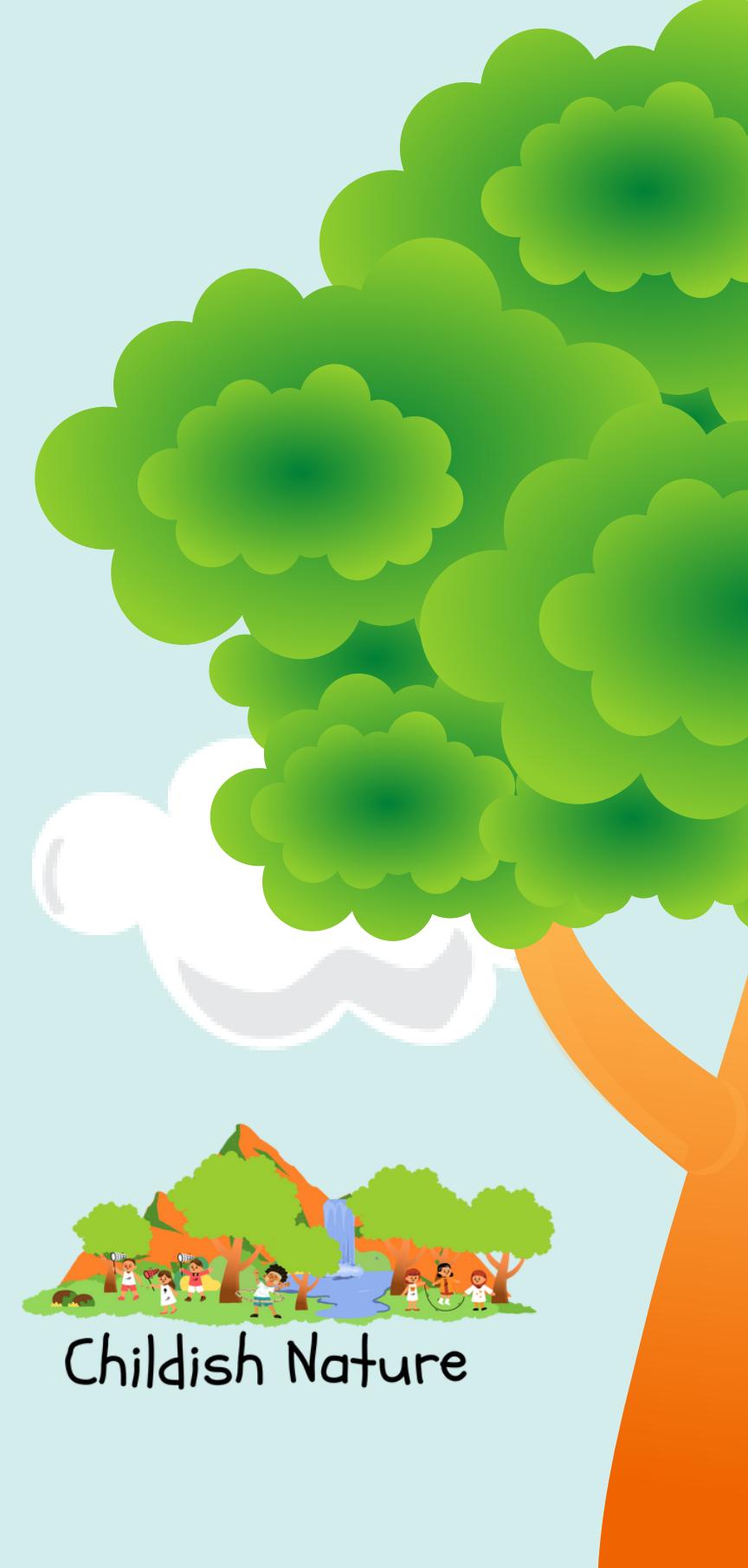
THE FIRST ACTIVATION

AN EASTER EGG HUNT WITH ENHLE

Facilitators:

Pretty, Khanyisile, Lekgolo

The objective of this activation was to introduce the children to the story of The Adventures of Enhle, whilst engage them in a fun Easter egg hunt through the nature trails of The Wilds Nature Reserve.





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THE SECOND ACTIVATION

HELPING ENHLE FIND THE MISSING ARTIFACT

Facilitators:
Khanyisile, Lekgolo

The objective of the activation was to introduce a new audience to The Adventures of Enhle and help her find the missing artifact, by embarking on a search through the trails of The Wilds Nature Reserve.



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THE THIRD ACTIVATION

THE TRINITY SESSIONS OPEN DAY

Childish Nature was awarded the opportunity to be involved in the initiative of The Trinity Sessions 2022, which is an experimental and educational arts learning and crafts open day market. The Adventures of Enhle was the featuring showcase, enticing the marketing and storytelling experience of the book The Adventures of Enhle

Audience age range: 3 - 13 years of age
Demographic: mixed races, predominantly African

The present market was a variety of people of all races at the activation. The children were engaged in workshop activities whilst parents enjoyed the experiential experience if the open day and the storytelling; watching their children engage with the product.

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ABOUT THE TEAM

LEKGOLO MAYATULA

The founder of Rorisang Our Home; she is a mother, professional town planner, and Expectant Early Childhood Development graduate, who is passionate about child development and nurturing the potential of every child. She is one of the partners and facilitators of Childish Nature.

PRETTY NGWENYA

A children's journalist and youth radio broadcaster, she is determined to be a life-changing storyteller; she has a passion for children centered education and spends her time engaging in reading for the youth, and giving her audience an enjoyable and relatable experience. She is one of the partners of Childish Nature.



KHANYISILE MTSHOBILE

A performing artist, artist-researcher, and drama practitioner with an interest in applying her artistic skills to the learning space; her focus is on personal, social and academic development and educative arts for young people. She is one of the partners and facilitators of Childish Nature

SANTO DOS SANTOS

The founder of Kgaliland Production, and the producer of 'The Adventures of Enhle', he is a multimedia designer with a passion for new age solutions. He is one of the partners of Childish Nature.

THE ADVENTURES OF ENHLE, THE STORY

By author Thembisile Dlamini

The story of Enhle is about courage, responsibility and community. The story encourages us to not be afraid of taking matters into our own hands to achieve the greatness that lies within us all

Enhle is a young South African girl who serves as a young hero in her community for the way she takes care of her environment, her community and for her belief in a better future not only for herself but for her village especially after a sudden catastrophe befalls her community. She takes it upon herself to find the solution to bring back the pride and sacred wisdom that belongs to her village...





OUTSIDE SCHOOL OR SPENDING TIME WITH HER FRIENDS, ENHLE LOVES WORKING IN THE LUSH, GREEN FIELD HER AND GOGO HAVE NURTURED OVER THE YEARS. HER DUTIES ARE WATERING THE PLANTS AND VEGETATION, REMOVING DEAD PLANTS AND FERTILIZING THE SOIL.

EARLIER TODAY, THEY WERE REMOVING DEAD PLANTS FROM THEIR GARDEN, WHILE HUMMING THEIR FAVORITE SONG,

"GOGO, LOOK HOW THE COLOURS ARE CHANGING IN THE SKY. IT IS BEAUTIFUL," SAYS ENHLE.

GOGO LOOKS AT ENHLE WITH WONDER IN HER EYES AND SAYS, "THIS SUNSET IS THE SAME AS THE ONE WE SAW YESTERDAY, WHAT MAKES TODAY SO DIFFERENT?"

"IT IS A LITTLE EARLY TODAY, WHICH MEANS THE WINTER IS EDGING CLOSER AS THE SUMMER IS MOVING FURTHER AWAY," SAYS ENHLE.

GOGO LAUGHS, "YOU ARE TOO CLEVER FOR YOUR OWN GOOD, MY CHILD."

ENHLE LIGHTS UP. SHE KNOWS THAT'S NOT REALLY WHAT GOGO WANTS TO SAY, BUT SHE UNDERSTANDS HER.

THE LAST STREAK OF WARM, BRIGHT COLOURS EBB AWAY AS THE DARK, COOL SHADES OF WINTER COVER THE LAND. FROM HERE ON, THE ONLY SOURCE OF LIGHT WILL COME FROM THE MOON AND STARS.

ENHLE LOOKS AT THE VAST WHEAT FIELD AS IT'S SLIGHTLY TOUCHED BY THE BREEZE.



EVEN THOUGH GOGO TAUGHT HER EVERYTHING SHE KNOWS, ENHLE STILL TAKES HER TEACHINGS VERY SERIOUSLY.

ENHLE CARES FOR HER PLANTS AS IF THEY WERE FLUFFY PETS. THE WAY THEY RESPOND TO HER, IS AS IF THEY CAN SEE AND UNDERSTAND HER.

STILL LOST IN THOUGHT, ENHLE DOES NOT REALIZE THEY'VE ARRIVED HOME. SITTING AGAIN AT THE DINNER TABLE,

THEY REALIZE THEIR ONCE WARM FOOD IS NOW COLD AND ENHLE HAS LOST HER APPETITE.

"EAT ENHLE, YOU NEED TO HAVE STRENGTH."

ENHLE WATCHES GOGO EAT. SHE LOOKS TIRED AND ISN'T ENJOYING THE FOOD.

"GOGO, LET ME TAKE YOU TO BED."

"I AM FINE, MY CHILD."

ENHLE DOES NOT LIKE THE UNCOMFORTABLE SILENCE IN THE ROOM.

"GOGO, DID MAM' THOKO SAY ANYTHING? DID SHE SEE WHO DID IT?"

"NO CHILD, I DID NOT ASK HER ANYTHING NOR DID SHE SAY ANYTHING. SHE IS TOO SHAKEN. I WILL ASK HER TOMORROW."

THANK YOU
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