

Dear Teacher

The National Union of Teachers (NUT) www.teachers.org.uk and Action for Southern Africa (ACTSA) www.actsa.org have developed this resource pack to enable you to explore the history and context of South Africa in a way that will get the interest and attention of pupils and increase their knowledge and learning.

Summer 2010 saw the eyes of the world firmly fixed on South Africa as it held the largest global event Africa has ever experienced. Throughout this period South Africa and football dominated the British media. Millions of children in Britain, girls as well as boys, had an insatiable appetite for the World Cup and followed the games avidly.

It was only 17 years ago that South Africa was transformed from a pariah state into the Rainbow Nation, but the legacy of 50 years of apartheid and 350 years of colonialism will not be overcome overnight.

This pack allows teachers to use children's passion for football to explore South Africa's history, culture and the challenges and successes of development. It includes a wide range of cross curricular resources that have been developed by NUT members with an interest in international development and southern Africa.

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The NUT is Britain's largest teacher trade union. We pride ourselves on our commitment to international solidarity and work closely with teacher trade unions across the globe including in South Africa.

Action for Southern Africa is the successor organisation to the Anti-Apartheid Movement. ACTSA campaigns for justice, rights and development in solidarity with people throughout southern Africa.

We would encourage you to develop a link with a school in South Africa, and this pack offers suggestions of ways in which you can do this. You can also play your part in the development of the region by encouraging your NUT branch to join ACTSA or joining as an individual.

Please do let us know how useful the materials were by completing the evaluation form at the back of this pack and returning it to the NUT at international@nut.org.uk.

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