



Press Release

Let's Fix It: Tuesday 28 June at 8.30pm

Since its inception earlier this year, the Let's Fix It team, under guidance of Soli Philander, has been a smash hit with viewers. In an era of shameful political scandals and narcissistic Paris Hilton type celebrities, this programme is a breath of fresh air. It promotes solid altruistic values and engages with real people, not vulgar chimeras created for generic entertainment.

In this episode: Unable to afford replacements, pensioner granny X asked Let's Fix It for new spectacles, as she had used the same ones for the last 13 years. So Let's Fix It duly took X to the optometrist to have her eyes tested and buy her new glasses. But then the optometrist delivered the terrible news; X has an advanced case of cataracts, restricting her vision to only ten percent. What's worse, is that new glasses will not help at all; X needs an operation. This leaves Soli and the team with a terrible choice; Let's Fix It has never attempted an operation, but if they leave her now, X will soon be totally blind.

While they think about that, the team races across town to attend to Mrs Y's plea. Her husband is unemployed and tries to provide for his family by making special picture frames out of roughly hewn pieces of wood with their bark still attached. It's labour and time intensive, with Mr Y often working until two or three in the morning, producing only two frames in a full day. The income earned is not enough to support his family and Mrs Y is concerned about her husband's increasing despair. If only he had the right equipment, he would be able to make enough frames to make a decent living and feel better about himself.

Homestead's Yizani Drop in Centre is one of the unsung heroes of the social security blanket, tending to the immediate needs of those languishing in the shadow of society's coldest of shoulders. In many cities, the street children are considered dangerous and a menace. Yizani offers them a place they can call home for a few hours in the day, where they will be fed, can shower, have their clothes washed, and chill out together in a safe environment. The Drop In centre is such an environment, but it is sadly dilapidated and lacking in facilities. For a place that does such good work, helping to reintegrate these discarded and despised children into functional society, it is remarkable that such results are achieved with so little. Let's Fix It spoke to some kind folk who came to see what they could do to brighten the Yizani experience.