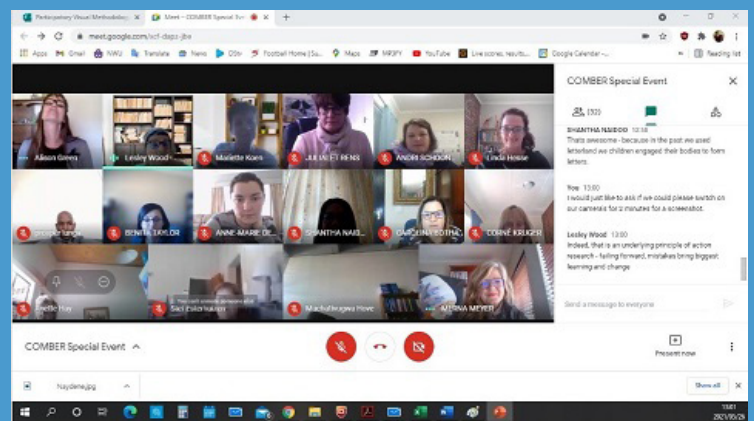
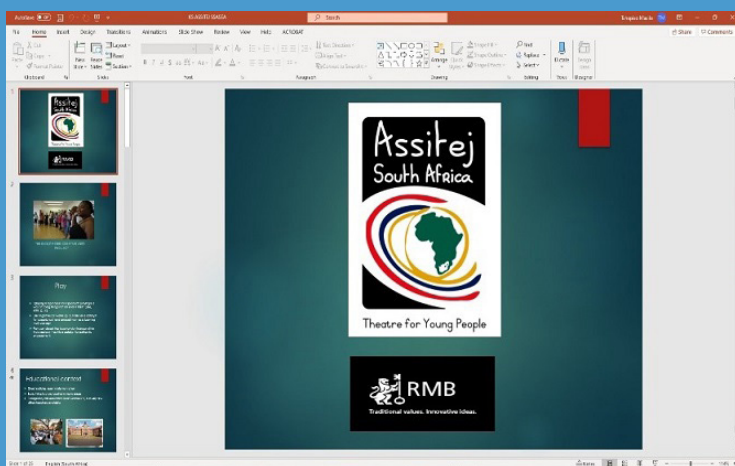


COMBER special event: The Kickstart Creative Arts Empowerment Project

Alison Green, applied theatre educator from the WITS Department of Education, presented an interesting overview of the Kickstart Arts Project, which runs in different schools in the Free State area. The project equips Creative Arts teachers to deliver high-quality and effective interventions in Visual Arts, Dance, Dramatic Arts and Music through a methodology of experience: the teachers receive training that guides them through a step-by-step process of physically making artworks and doing performances themselves. The teachers therefore become artists in their own right, having an applied experience of the content, which allows for a greater embodiment of knowledge.

The project is extremely successful, impacting over 8 000 learners a year, and won the Business Arts South Africa Development Award in 2017, with Rand Merchant Bank as the funder. Staff members from COMBER and other niche areas enjoyed the virtual warm-up exercise beforehand and engaged in discussions related to the presentations afterwards. Alison's democratic approach through play emphasised a deeper understanding for human interaction and connection. A follow-up workshop is planned on arts-based methodologies.



COMBER- spesiale geleentheid: die Kickstart Creative Arts Empowerment-projek

Alison Green, onderwyser in toegepasteteater van WITS se Departement van Opvoedkunde, het 'n interessante oorsig van die Kickstart Arts-projek gegee wat in verskillende skole in die Vrystaat-omgewing aangebied word. Die projek rus onderwysers in Skeppende Kunste toe om doeltreffende intervensies in Visuele Kunste, Dans, Dramatiese Kunste en Musiek deur middel van 'n ervaringsmetodiek te lewer: die onderwysers ontvang opleiding wat hulle deur 'n stapsgewyse proses lei om self kunswerke te maak en optredes te hanteer. Daarom word die onderwysers kunstenaars in eie reg omdat hulle die inhoud prakties kon toepas, wat hulle in staat stel om hulle kennis te internaliseer.

Die projek is uiters suksesvol en bereik meer as 8 000 leerders per jaar en het in 2017 die Business Arts South Africa Development-toekenning, met Rand Merchant Bank as die befondsers, gewen. Personeellede van COMBER en ander nisareas het die virtuele opwarmingsoefening vooraf geniet en daarna besprekings oor die aanbiedings gevoer. Alison se demokratiese benadering deur middel van spel het dieper begrip vir menslike interaksie en skakeling beklemtoon. 'n Opvolgwerkswinkel oor kunsgebaseerde metodologieë word beplan.