

VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

REACH OUT AND GIVE (RAG)

Description of the department

Reach Out and Give (RAG) is the Student Representative Council (SRC) sub-committee tasked with community and civic engagement at the University of Pretoria (UP). RAG provides a platform for all UP students to make a difference in their direct and wider community through a variety of offerings from community outreaches all the way to initiatives that teaches civil and community-based responsibility in a sustainable and responsible format.

Opportunity description

In 2019, UP RAG decided to have Mandela Week, where we encourage students to give back and make the world a better place by starting within. We call on all residences, day houses, faculty houses and societies to join us in our quest to break the record of last year.

During this week, all UP structures are encouraged to do active community engagement and include as many of its members as possible. These engagements can be anything from extra class tutoring to repainting a school. We want to motivate each structure to do a minimum of three to five hours of community engagement during this week. Structures are also welcome to team up with other structures to double the workforce and the hours.

Impact

Mandela Week had a large impact on the internal and external community at UP. There were various soup kitchen and blanket drives on campus and our

residences, faculty and day houses participated in projects such as renovating schools and helping the community at large.

Community partners

All the faculty and day houses along with the residences. Any other member of the UP community could also participate and share their stories with us.

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