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Drama gets into business

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THE Community Arts Project (CAP) has launched a programme using theatre to teach women business and negotiating skills.

The programme is aimed at women working in NGOs and community based organisations (CBOs).

The course used "drama as a tool for development" said project co-ordinator, Mr Simba Pemhenayi, who recently left a drama group in Zimbabwe to teach the course in South Africa.

The course is divided into two sections. The first phase focuses on women's issues, ranging from breastfeeding to how women can achieve equal treatment in corporate structures.

They then examine how drama could be used to deal with these issues.

"It is important for women to have a clear idea of what they want in business. By discussing issues and problems, they can get a clear idea about their own development.

"Drama builds confidence and gives certain skills which can help women achieve change in their situation," Pemhenayi said.

In the second phase the women learn drama skills and then create mock situations of problems in the workplace.

The group meets twice a week. The course, which began at the beginning of August and ends in November, costs R50 a month. Anyone interested in joining can phone Simba Pemhenayi or Zayd Minty at CAP at 453-689.



DRAMA DRIVE: Simba Pemhenayi and a group of women workshop how drama can be used in business
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