

A CALL TO ALL MUT STUDENTS TO VOLUNTEER AT THE DENIS HURLEY CENTRE, DURBAN CBD

Many MUT students live in Durban CBD but you might not have much opportunity to understand some of the social issues facing our city. MUT Student Affairs and the Community Engagement and Development Directorate have teamed up with the Denis Hurley Centre to create a unique opportunity for any MUT student to grow through the following:

- Volunteering in a practical way to help homeless people
- Learning about one of the pressing and visible social problems in Durban
- Reflecting on what you have learned about yourself and about the city

The Denis Hurley Centre is inviting students like you to sign up for **10 hours of volunteering** to prepare food and serve it to homeless people at our centre. MUT students who piloted the programme last year reported back on how ‘eye-opening’ and ‘humbling’ it was. “It helped me to really get an insight into what is happening around me in the middle of town!”

There will be two waves of this programme. The first will run from end March to end of May: to participate in this you must sign up for and attend the induction session at the DHC on **Sat 15 March at 9-10.30am**. (There will be a later second wave which will run from end July to end of Sept for which the induction session will be at the DHC on **Sat 19 July at 9-10.30am**.)

Within each wave, there will be lots of time slots available so each student can choose the ones that suit you. The volunteering opportunities each week are in 2.5 hour sessions: every Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday: from 8am-10.30am and/or from 10.30am-1pm. (Although some days will be blocked as you will see when booking).

The Denis Hurley Centre is the striking modern building located in Warwick – opposite the Fish Market and next to the Umlazi taxi rank and Emmanuel Cathedral. Students [must go on line to register](#) for an induction session; you can also start to [sign up in advance](#) for your preferred slots (but note that you do not have to book all slots at once, and after booking you can still change slots if you need to). Be aware that places are limited to 6 people for each time slot – students cannot just turn up if you have not registered.

When you arrive at the DHC you will be guided in what you have to do: serve meals, clean dishes, prepare vegetable etc. You will also have an opportunity to interact with homeless people to understand a bit more about what drives homelessness in our cities and what help homeless people are seeking. And you will find out about the ways in which, inspired by the late Archbishop Denis Hurley, the DHC brings together people of all faiths to serve those in need.

Having completed 10 hours of volunteering, students will then be asked to post a Tik-Tok video that expresses something about how your experience of volunteering has shaped your understanding of Durban, of the homeless or of yourself. Video submissions must be made by end of June (1st wave) or end of Oct (2nd wave) and a link sent to news@denishurleycentre.org

A certificate of participation will be awarded to all students who complete 10 registered hours and post a Tik-Tok video.

To register for the induction and your preferred times [click here](#) or go to tinyurl.com/MUTvol2025 or access via

