



We have a plan to set education free.

3. MAKING EDUCATION FREE AND EQUAL FOR ALL.

Everyone agrees that for South Africa to reach its full potential our people must be educated. Yet, today, 9 million South Africans still can't read or write.

Despite this, the National Party continues its policy of discrimination. Last year, they spent three times more on each White student than they spent on each Coloured, Indian and African student. The education system is badly run, with 19 departments all with different teaching standards and pay scales.

It's time we had a government that cared about education. Here is our plan:

- ▶ *We will create one national education department.*
- ▶ *We will provide ten years of free and quality education.*
- ▶ *We will double the number of free text books within one year.*
- ▶ *We will ensure that there are more schools, books and teachers for all our children.*
- ▶ *We will ensure that a national bursary and loan scheme is established.*
- ▶ *We will cater for children with special needs and give classes to adults who can't read or write.*

The money to pay for this plan is already there. South Africa spends R23 billion a year, nearly a quarter of its national budget, on education. This is high by international standards. By eliminating waste, duplication and changing the way this money is spent, we can afford an equal and decent education for all.

We know this plan won't solve the education crisis overnight. But it's a real beginning. Together we can work to build a better life for all South Africans.



A better life for all. Working together for jobs, peace and freedom.