

## **SYNOPSIS: PROGRAMME 2: Radio Tygerberg interview of Warda Conrad**

In Part two of Warda Conrad's radio interview, seasoned education presenter, Neville Goliath, succinctly summarises the highlights of the first programme before resuming his insightful line of questioning.

In this programme the emphasis is on Values in Education. Conrad speaks expansively on the topic and what prompted the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) to focus on it. Fascinatingly, she debunks the view that one can "teach" values to learners but asserts that one rather "lives" the values and exposes the learners to the conversation around it. Furthermore, she meticulously explains how the WCED touted the values conversation by paralleling it to its own transformation into a values-driven organisation by, among others, identifying, adopting, demonstrating its own six core values and allocating a values-driven theme to each consecutive academic year such as Year of the Teacher, Year of the Learner, etc. In a nutshell, for Conrad, Transform to Perform (T2P) is our "living out" of values that sets the tone for school communities to have the conversation around any of the values of their choice.

Conrad goes on to substantiate - in great detail - the use of values to negate social ills such as bullying, violence, ill-discipline, but also to embrace challenges such as diversity and inclusivity, not to mention the critical need for all role players to be vulnerable and courageous if we are serious in facilitating the WCED's unwavering vision of quality education for every child, in every classroom, in every school, in the province. The interview concludes with extensive guidance to parents on how they (and educators) can assist in the values conversation as well as giving details of whom to contact for further information.

**Please note:** Since the recording of the podcasts some of the contact persons and their information have changed. Please refer to the "Contact Information" section our web page. See link below:

<https://wcedonline.westerncape.gov.za/transform-perform-contact-information>