



[Print this article](#)

'Honesty goes a long way'

2010-10-18 11:10

Hajo Kowalke

Dear Editor,

A bit of honesty can go a long way - even as far as Europe - toward spreading goodwill and creating a favourable image of Cape Town in general, and our townships in particular.

As a tour guide, I recently took a group of German visitors to Langa where we visited a busy shebeen before moving on to a gumboot dance display, a considerable distance away. Once there, we realised to our dismay that a valuable camera and equipment had been left behind at the shebeen. By the time I returned to the shebeen, all these belongings had been handed to the owner to await my return.

Quite apart from my own gratitude and relief, my guests were so impressed that they related the experience to other guests at my lodge, and all will undoubtedly take this feel-good story back to Europe.

I would like to thank Nomfanekiso, her staff and patrons at Nomfanekiso Shebeen. While I personally have never doubted the honesty of residents, the media, both local and international, often portray the townships as extremely dangerous destinations.

Nomfanekiso and her team have not only proven them wrong, but have done our city a great service and become accidental PR practitioners into the bargain!

Hajo Kowalke

Disclaimer: All articles and letters published on MyNews24 have been independently written by members of News24's community. The views of users published on News24 are therefore their own and do not necessarily represent the views of News24. News24 editors also reserve the right to edit or delete any and all comments received.

- News24