

JENNY'S JOURNEY

Jenny Buccos went from corporate life in New York, to morning tea with Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

September 11 gave her a new perspective on what she wanted to do with her life: "I found there was a fear of what wasn't known and education was the key to break down the fears."

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ProjectExplorer was founded in 2003, offering free online education for students up to Grade 12. Their inaugural programme, "Shakespeare's England," attracted over 200,000 visitors when it launched in 2006.



Jenny helps pupil Tshediso Mabote find a good camera angle.

Jenny says, "When we started we were hoping for 100,000 students in the first year." Now ProjectExplorer reaches 40 countries. About a million students in over 800 schools use her curriculum, which offers the "untold" history and culture of each country.

In 2007, Jenny and her team produced *South Africa: Part 1 – A Collection of Short Films*. A meeting with Peter Motaung, of Mpontsheng Secondary School in Katlehong, resulted in the new Student to Student programme, designed to equip learners with the skills to produce their own films. Jenny says, "It was the only school we considered to start this project with, because the students just blew us away."

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aimed *U-Carmen eKbayelitsba*. It releases on 20 June.