

## UNESCO Observatory Architecture Tour to Kenya, August 2008

A trip to Africa was undertaken in July 2008 under the auspices of the UNESCO Observatory for Multi-disciplinary Research in the Arts situated in the Faculty of Architecture, Building and Planning at the University of Melbourne, Australia. The prime purpose was to design a Cultural, Health and Vocational Education training centre, but a number of other projects emerged after meeting with community leaders across a range of Kenyan communities.

This website describes the work achieved by the group of eight Architecture students and presents future projects to be conducted in collaboration with the Maasai community and Emmanuel Parsimei, the Child Peace Africa project in the Korogochio slum run by Peter Litonde and a school for girls in collaboration with a Rift Valley community. This website presents the writings of Emmanuel Parsimei, Isaac Ole Kiranti and Nelius Wanjiru on issues relating to children's education, Maasai cultural practices, the role of girls and traditional practices which form part of the Maasai initiation rites. Peter Litonde presents his views for improving the rights and opportunities for children through his Child Peace Africa project in the Korogochio slum, Nairobi, Kenya.

