

# Job Abled: Empowering Learners Through Recycling

## What We Do

In partnership with social enterprise Job-Abled and industry body Polyco, Myplas launched a pioneering recycling project at Alta du Toit School in Cape Town, a school for learners with disabilities. A fully equipped recycling hub was established on campus in 2024, where students collect and sort plastic waste. Myplas then purchases the recyclable material back from Job-Abled, and the proceeds directly subsidise school fees. Beyond financial relief, the programme provides training, workplace exposure, and a pathway to employment, turning plastic waste into educational and career opportunities.

## Our Impact

- **Hands-On Recycling Operations:** Learners gain practical skills through a dedicated on-campus collection and sorting facility. By baling plastics and managing recyclables, they receive real-world job training while reinforcing environmental awareness as part of their curriculum.
- **Supporting School Fees:** Income from recyclables offsets school fees, easing the burden on families. Parents are encouraged to contribute by bringing recyclables, creating a community-driven cycle of support.
- **Job Readiness & Opportunities:** Each year, four school leavers join a one-year work-readiness internship at Myplas, which also offers job shadowing opportunities for learners. Graduates often transition into full-time positions, with Myplas committed to hiring at least one top-performing candidate annually.
- **Sustainability Contribution:** Myplas contributes directly by recycling its own internal scrap cardboard and donating the proceeds to the project. This creates a steady additional funding stream for the project.
- **Scalability & Expansion:** The success of Alta du Toit is serving as a blueprint for growth. By 2026, five more special needs schools began setting up their own on-campus recycling hubs, supported by Myplas and its partners. The model is proving replicable, scalable, and impactful – combining education, empowerment, and sustainability.

## A Win-Win

Myplas's involvement ensures this initiative delivers lasting social and environmental value. Learners gain real skills and opportunities, families receive financial relief, and communities embrace a circular economy model that can scale across South Africa.



**Turning waste into opportunity.  
Empowering learners.  
Uplifting families.**

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