

Daneel Knoetze - Link Between Poor Housing, Traffic Deaths And Education Outcomes



groundup.org.za. November 2014. The 7th annual Irene Grootboom Memorial Dialogues, which explore the continuation of Cape Town's "spatial apartheid", are underway. On Tuesday night, the focus was on the spate of shack evictions around the city this year, and the correlation between poor, densely populated areas and traffic deaths and education outcomes.

Being poor and living in densely populated informal settlements in Khayelitsha increases your risk of being killed by a car and of your children having poor education outcomes.

These were the conclusions, illustrated by statistics, of two speakers at this year's Irene Grootboom Memorial Dialogues, hosted by the Social Justice Coalition and the African Centre for Cities.

The Constitutional Court ruled in favour of shackdweller and housing activist *Irene Grootboom* in 2000. The landmark judgment outlined the duties of the state in terms of the right of access to adequate housing in section 26 of the Constitution. For instance, the judgment held that the state must provide emergency shelter for those "with no access to land, no roof over their heads, and who are living in intolerable conditions or crisis situations."

The lectures are held annually in memoriam of Grootboom who died in 2008, without having received a house.

Read more: <http://groundup.org.za/link-between-poor-housing>