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People's Education is an alternative to the Christian National (or Apartheid) Education but also to Western style liberal education. People's education can be regarded as a set of proposals which come out of the educational principles contained in the Freedom Charter. The structures envisaged in People's education are unitary and non-racial and organized so that all parties involved in education - students, parents, teachers, workers - have a part in its management.

People's Education is education that

- 1) Enables the oppressed to understand the evils of the apartheid system and prepares them for participation in a non-racial democratic system. :
- 2) Eliminates illiteracy, ignorance and the exploitation of one person by another.
- 3) Eliminates capitalist norms of competition, individualism and stunted intellectual development, and replaces it with one that encourages collective input and active participation by all, as well as stimulating critical thinking and analysis.
- 4) Equips and trains all sectors of our people to participate actively and creatively in the struggle to attain people's power in order to establish a non-racial democratic South Africa.
- 5) Allows students, parents, teachers and workers to be mobilised into appropriate organisational structures which enable them to participate actively in the initiation and management of people's education in all its forms.
- 6) Enables workers to resist exploitation and oppression at their work place.

SPCC Declaration (1985)