

Hello,

My name is Stephanie Holden and I am a student at MIT. My classmate, Ruby Maa, and I traveled to the Limpopo Province in South Africa to carry out a service project called the InnoBox, which is loosely based on the InnoWorks structure. Our goal is to make this a global initiative, so that young learners all over the world will be inspired to learn about science and engineering, and benefit from the structure of interactive experiments.

Our project advisor, Mwenda Kudumu, helped select the location based on their need for a more interactive science experience and connections previously established in the area. We brought materials and curriculum and trained students at the University of Venda to be mentors for local middle school students. We visited two schools and taught these hands-on science experiments to over 600 kids.

We are reaching out to all the InnoWorks chapters to see if you are interested in bringing the InnoBox to your universities! It would be extra fantastic if you or your universities have already established some international connections which will make it easy to plan similar service trips.

We have included a copy of our final report so you can read about our project. We'd also like to organize a conference call sometime soon so we can tell you more about the InnoBox project and answer any questions you may have.

I hope you and your universities are interested in joining this initiative! Feel free to contact us at innobox@mit.edu, or William Hwang (wlhwang@fas.harvard.edu) if you have any questions.

Best,
Stephanie