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The right to access safe and hygienic toilets is fundamental. Yet pit latrines are still the only sanitary facilities in thousands of schools across South Africa. This puts learners' health and lives at risk. Children have died either by the structures collapsing on them or from falling into the waste. When yet another child lost their life last year, the government pledged to take action. But for Helene Bramwell, it was too late. "I was incensed," she says. No child should die going to the bathroom. Rather than wait for change, Bramwell launched a campaign that's restoring their dignity.

Read Helene Bramwell's full story, [here](#).

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