The OATS Framework

A New Framework to Describe the Capacity to Aspire

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Which factors influence the capacity to aspire among young black South African people from working- and middle-class backgrounds?

‘The capacity to aspire’ refers to aspirations of people to escape conditions of poverty and deprivation.

The OATS conceptual framework is a unique proposal that seeks to understand the internal workings of the capacity to aspire.