

What's all the racket about?

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A new racket sport, introduced in South Africa at the beginning of 2018, has been introduced to the Helderberg.

Marcel Straub, Swiss founder of street racket, held a workshop at Somerset House on Thursday 21 June.

Attended by teachers and coaches from schools in the area as well as parents, it focused on aspects such as the development of motor skills, the value of movement and integrated learning, and how fun exercise can be.

"This is something I want to share with my family, a stress reliever," one workshop participant said.

Street racket is a new game among racket sports, with its own bat and ball, and can be played on any hard surface with lines on the ground drawn in chalk.

It is a game that links movement with creativity as well as literacy and numeracy.

"My aim is to create health, activity, sports, togetherness and integration at all levels, at almost no cost at all," said Straub.

Street racket is accessible to all, pitched at all playing levels, ages, physical, grassroots levels and corporates.

Straub also held a training session for the correctional service officials at Pollsmoor last Friday.

He was due to attend a reception at the Swiss Embassy in Pretoria, where he will meet with the Minister of Sport and the vice-president of the South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee.

"There is a demand for street racket in Switzerland," said Straub, who believes there is a growing demand for



Street racket founder Marcel Straub in action.

the game in South Africa, and that thousands of South Africans will be playing it soon.