The Justice Desk
A Human Rights NPO

2020 Annual Report

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The Justice Desk is an award winning non-profit organisation that empowers local people to become Human Rights Defenders and Everyday Activists. The Justice Desk's key focal areas are: Gender-Based Violence, Human Trafficking, Human Rights Education and Children's Rights.

We work hard to educate, advocate for and equip youth, vulnerable groups, civil society, and governments in human rights, justice and advocacy. Our work is primarily in township areas and vulnerable communities where we empower and equip local community members with the necessary skills and platforms to lead their own change.

Promoting The Power of Everyday Activists.

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Our Vision

Together, we can create a world where every child, woman, man and person has knowledge of and access to their fundamental rights and freedoms.

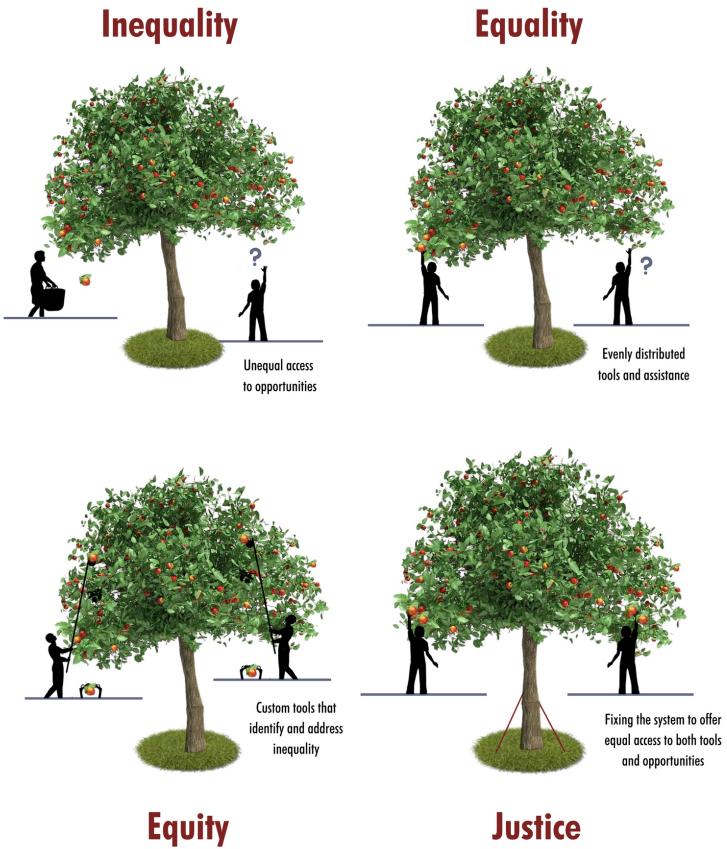
Our Mission

To educate, advocate for and equip youth, vulnerable groups, civil society, and governments in human rights, justice and advocacy in order to lead their own positive change.

Our Values

Human Rights For All

The Justice Desk



"All people who pass through the doors of The Justice Desk leave as life-long advocates for social justice in the pursuit of human rights for all."

- Lize-Marie Doubell

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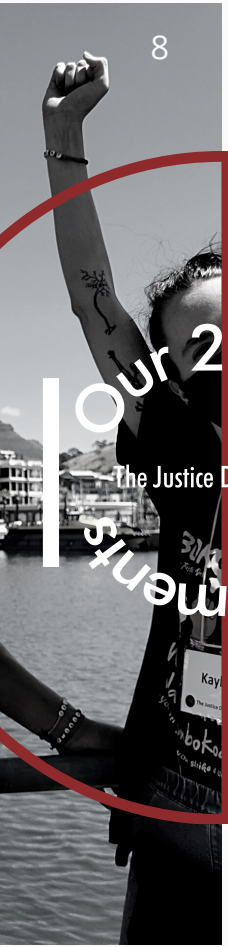

Our 2020 Achievements

The Justice Desk

42 Justice Schools

263,452

People directly trained & equipped to lead their own change

54 Advocacy Teachers

5 campaigns

GBV, 30 Rights in 30 days, Covid Relief, SDGs, 16 Days of Activism

7 Virtual and In-Person interns

2

Amazing
Global Goodwill Ambassadors!

Craig Lucas Marco Spaumer

6

Flagship human rights projects that continue to positively impact the lives of the communities we work alongside

49

Advocacy videos and educational materials (millions of people reached across the world)

Working in 3 Countries:

South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia

4 National and UN advocacy submissions

76 Youth Ambassadors across South Central Africa

870 000 People impacted over 8 years

Our Logo

The Justice Desk

A Human Rights NPO

The Justice Desk Logo: Explained

The Justice Desk

The small hand: represents the power of a single voice. No matter "how small you may seem" - your voice is important. This represents the everyday person, who thinks that their voice may not matter or make a difference, when in fact, every voice does.

The big hand: represents how, when we put all of our hands together and unite our voices, we become louder and stronger than ever before.

The colour red: represents the African soil, passion, love, ambition and the blood of those who have given their lives in the fight for human rights.

Letter from the Chairperson

In terms of challenging years, it's hard to imagine one being any more challenging than 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic affected humanity the world over and was certainly felt by Africa and her people. Fortunately, those working with The Justice Desk are steadfast and determined in the face of adversity, and the organisation immediately stepped forward to aid those in need.

We distributed over 5000 masks, sanitizer for over 10 000 people, COVID-19 materials that reached and educated thousands, and ensured that nearly 50 000 people had access to healthy food during the height of the pandemic. Obviously, nothing can stand in the way of The Justice Desk fighting tirelessly for human rights, not even COVID-19. So amid all that happened this year, we still managed to run our 6 Projects, run 5 Campaigns, release 18 Advocacy videos, and continued to impact thousands of people across South Africa, Zambia & Zimbabwe.

To date, The Justice Desk has impacted over 870 000 people and directly trained and educated more than 260 000. It should come as no surprise then to hear that The Justice Desk was named The Human Rights Organisation of the Year at the UK Prestige Awards. The Justice Desk team must be commended for their incredible work during this time. Every single employee from our coordinators to interns deserve praise for their efforts, and for putting their heart and soul into defending human rights. And we must, of course, thank our many community heroes, volunteers, funders, and board members, who are always there to lend a hand when we need it the most, even in the most trying of times. Every contribution you make helps, no matter how small, and The Justice Desk would not be where it is today without your support. Here's hoping for a less chaotic year in 2021, where we'll continue to promote the power of everyday activists. We hope you'll join us.

Yours in Justice,

Pierre le Roux
Chairperson

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- Pierre le Roux

Letter from the CEO

2020 - what a year! It feels like a lifetime ago when we stepped into our TJD headquarters in January, with high hopes and big dreams for what we were going to achieve this year. Since then, our team has undergone immense stress, pressure and trauma - yet here we stand - stronger than ever. As I sat listening to President Ramaphosa announce a nationwide lockdown, like many others, I felt like we had entered into another world. Life as we knew it had changed, and my greatest fear was that this pandemic would not be something our already unequal and broken society could survive. Boy, was I wrong.

On the morning that we received the call as an 'essential service' to head back into our most vulnerable communities, we entered into a flurry of action, collaboration and compassion with a determined hope that we could and would overcome this. Once again, our most 'undervalued' and 'unheard' citizens continued to teach me what it really means to be a leader and a changemaker. We hit the ground running, working in partnerships with the government, other NPOs, local volunteers and supporters, international donors and most importantly, the communities whom we serve. We listened to one another, shared, learnt from, and supported one another, as together, we did everything we could to prevent the spread.

As a result, The Justice Desk and our community heroes were able to assist people who had little to no support at all during this pandemic, reaching over 350,000 people in just the first few weeks. Food, masks, sanitisers, menstrual items, educational materials and a variety of other items were mass distributed, and people were being empowered every day with knowledge as to how THEY could prevent the spread, and protect their communities. We took a bold stand, at a national level, against police and military brutality, and we were able to secretly distribute 'SOS' information to women and children trapped in lockdown with their abusers. On top of this, we still managed to run our main projects, The Mbokodo Club supporting girl survivors of rape and GBV; our Youth Ambassador's project which now runs in 42 schools across South Central Africa reaching hundreds of thousands of students, teachers and community members; our Umoya Project caring for abandoned and abused elderly people with disabilities; and our Ntsika yeThemba project, empowering young men without positive male role models to become leaders and defenders of women's rights.

We made multiple advocacy submissions to The United Nations, the South African government and many others - and filmed and released 18 advocacy videos aimed at empowering people to lead their own change. We ran 6 justice campaigns (one of which was our most successful ever, being celebrated and used across the globe), and created 31 different incredible educational materials ranging from "Criminal Proceedings in a Rape Case" to "Child Marriage in Zambia" and "Men as Allies, a guide on how men can join the fight against GBV". We were asked to join government coalitions to guide policy development, spoke (virtually) on international platforms against human rights violations, and were even awarded on 3 different occasions for our work - one of which was Prestige's 'Human Rights Organisation of the Year'.

To say I am proud of our team and community heroes is the understatement of the century. I am privileged, honoured, and downright blessed to even be in their presence, and I am in awe of everything they have accomplished this year. They are proof that there is nothing that can stand in the way of an 'Everyday Activist' when it comes to protecting the rights of those around them, and building the world we all deserve.

This year has undoubtedly proven that, and I truly cannot wait to see what we are able to achieve in 2021. A huge thank you to our heroes, team, interns, volunteers, Board of Governors, funders, supporters and partners. At the time I am writing this, TJD has reached over 870,000 people, and that is because of each and every one of you! We truly are a Justice Desk family - and all of these achievements are because of you. Thank you and congratulations!

Yours in Justice,

Jessica Dewhurst

CEO and Founder

Impact Story:

Misqah Appollis

Growing up in Belhar in the Northern Suburbs of Cape Town, a community known for gang violence, Misqah knew from a young age that what was happening around her was not right. It wasn't normal for people to fear for their lives on a daily basis.

She served as a school prefect and in her later years she joined the RCL of Excelsior High School in Belhar. Misqah is known as a very soft spoken person but she is not afraid to "sting like a bee" when it comes to issues surrounding inequality. As a coloured woman, she was always told to "work harder" and "do better" because if she didn't, she would become nothing. This is a narrative she wholeheartedly works to challenge alongside The Justice Desk, especially amongst children of colour.

Misqah has been in the NPO sector for 12 years. She firmly believes that people of colour need to step-up and take back the self-worth that they have been robbed of.

"We are not less because of the colour of our skin and we need not walk in anyone's shadow" - Misqah Appollis

It is her mission to ensure that future generations do not have to feel the way she felt growing up, and it is her hope that we someday, simply, start treating people as humans rather than skin tones. Her dream is to become a prominent anti - GBV activist and believes that we all need to stand up and create a better South Africa for everyone, especially for women and children.

Mother Justice

Despite growing up in an incredibly traumatising and difficult community, Misqah, who is affectionately known as “Mother Justice” has grown into the incredible woman that she is today. She works each and every day to learn and upskill herself in order to inspire other young girls to fight for equality and to become “someone” someday. And she is succeeding! As one of our Mbokodo girls once said “I simply can’t think of a Justice Desk, without our Mother Justice”.

One thing that really stands out about Misqah is the authenticity and sincerity that she radiates. Misqah brings her heart and soul into her work, and her quiet unwavering passion inspires her team and all those she comes into contact with! Misqah strongly believes in the inherent worth of all people and shows a genuine interest in the many people she meets and their life stories - and because of this, she is celebrated as an incredible leader in her community.

Our Board Of Governers

The Justice Desk

Pierre le Roux

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Theodora Lutuli

Vice-Chairperson

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Secretary

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Board Member

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Board Member

Letlhogonolo Mokgoroane

Board Member

Bakani Ncube

Board Member

Michael de Klerk

Board Member

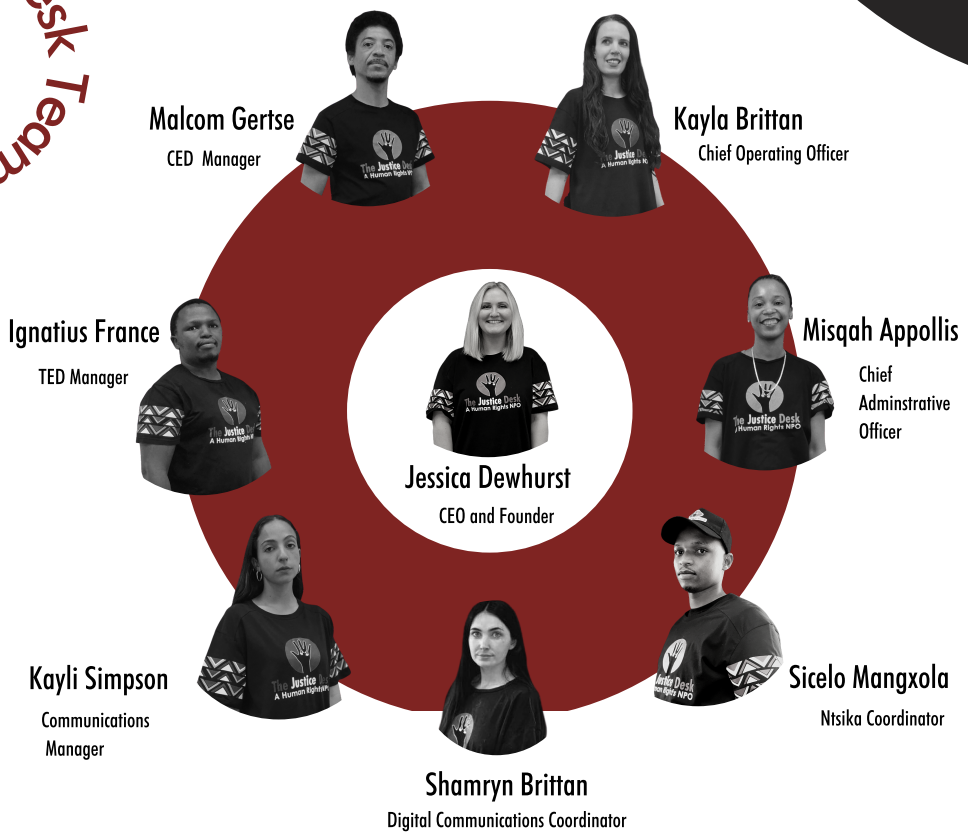
The Justice Desk Team

The Justice Desk team is made up of a group of young and dynamic changemakers!

2020 has not only brought the team closer together, but it has shown their high levels of dedication, determination and adaptability!

They embody The Justice Desk's principle of Everyday Activism and inspire all those they meet to join in the fight for justice and the promotion of human rights!

- Kayla Brittan, COO



The Intern Department

"The internship program is a way for young people to make a valuable contribution to vulnerable communities."

2020 was such a significant year for The Justice Desk and our interns. Covid-19 restricted the amount of in-person interns we could host. However, being the creative and adaptable organisation we are, we were able to work around this and bring on truly dedicated local (in-person) and international interns! In-line with the times, we were able to welcome our first group of 'virtual interns', who interned from their home countries. Our head intern, Lize-Mari shares her experience working with The Justice Desk during such unprecedented times:

"As an in-person intern, there were countless opportunities to learn, grow and make a significant impact in The Justice Desk's projects. As an intern, we were given the opportunities to be involved in an array of areas to really broaden our skill sets. We were involved in human rights research, policy analysis, volunteer work, and project planning.

By being involved in the daily workings of the organisation, we were able to experience how tireless, yet vitally important, human rights work is within South Central Africa. In my experience, The Justice Desk's internship program is a way for young people to make valuable contributions to vulnerable communities. The experience gained at an award-winning NPO is unmatched."

Yours in Justice,

Lize-Mari Doubell

Head Intern

2020 Interns

USA
Diaraye Diallo

South Africa
Shamryn Brittan
Mamahou Seseane
Aqielah van Onslen
Lize-Mari Doubell

Australia
Sumendeep Gosal

The Community Empowerment Department

"As the Community Empowerment Manager, I am tasked to oversee four of the flagship projects of The Justice Desk, which are The Umoya Project, The Mbokodo Club Project, The Youth Ambassador's Projects, and The Ntsika yeThemba Project."

"This year has been described by many people as one of the toughest and most challenging years they have experienced. We have lost people that we shared our lives with, we lost people that we cared for, as well as people that we loved. May those who have left us live on in our hearts and may their souls rest in eternal peace.

Behind these projects are incredible young people, each one of them on a personal journey of self-discovery, who have come to the realisation of the importance of human rights so early on in their lives. They have inspired me to re-evaluate my own life, how I see the world, and have encouraged me to fully embody what it means to be a Justice Desk "Everyday Activist."

Yours in Justice,
Malcom Gertse
CED Manager

The Justice Desk's "Umoya Project" is a relationship building project that focuses on the rights of the disabled and elderly. It operates out of the Missionaries of Charity Home in the township of Khayelitsha, and has been running for over 8 years. Since the beginning of this project we have worked with 848 mentally and physically differently-abled, elderly, abandoned, abused and sickly men and women. Over 120 volunteers regularly work in this project. The project has two key components, firstly, relationship building and secondly, direct services.

Relationship building: This is done through a wide range of exciting and interactive activities for the residents and volunteers to enjoy together. These activities include movie days, pamper sessions, arts and crafts, exercise, dance lessons, bead work, art work, gardening, and many others. The purpose of each activity is to facilitate the opportunity for residents and volunteers to build deep and meaningful relationships.

Direct services: Support and other needed services are offered to the home and residents. This includes coordinating physiotherapy, assisting in establishing vegetable gardens, delivering water and food, infrastructure upkeep and funeral support. During Covid-19 we ensured that all of our residents had all of the personal protective gear and food needed to last throughout the lockdown.

TJD also works to try and reunite residents who have lost their memories due to accidents or amnesia, with their families. This year the sister of one of our residents saw his photo on our social media page, and immediately contacted us. Their family had lost their son as a young man, and thought for many years that he had died. Now, many years later, they were able to know that their son had lived a happy and long life at the home, surrounded by the love and support of The Umoya Project.

MBOKODO Club

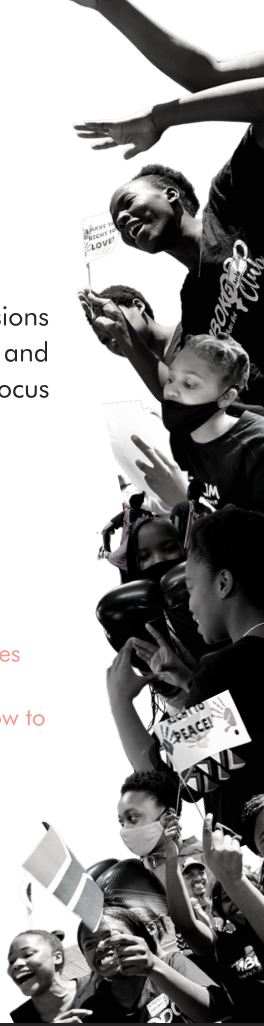
A project of The Justice Desk

The Justice Desk's "Mbokodo Club" Project (translated to The "Rock Club" from isiXhosa), offers leadership and female empowerment workshops, mental health care support, and fitness and self defense programs to girl survivors of gender-based violence and rape.

Our girls are between the ages of 10 - 19, and come from the murder capital of South Africa, an underserved community called Nyanga.

In 2020, we ran 14 empowerment sessions for our 32 Mbokodo Girls, their parents and community heroes with different key focus areas, including:

Leadership
Goal setting
How to report GBV
The types of GBV
Covid-19 and keeping safe
Human rights, children's rights & responsibilities
Everyday Activism: It starts with you
Anti-GBV campaign development session - how to run a successful campaign
Mental Health: Managing stress and anxiety
Mental Health & Well-being
Love and healthy relationships
Coping mechanisms and support structures
Confidence building



We have created a powerful sisterhood that extends well beyond our Mbokodo heroes. Young girls have been equipped to go out in their communities and share what they have learnt with their peers; they are mobilizing to challenge gender-based violence; and are actively engaging with The Justice Desk's advocacy initiatives.

The Mbokodo Girls are a force to be reckoned with, they are using their new found strength and confidence to create advocacy videos, and continue to use their talents to promote human rights! But it doesn't stop there, our girls are creating a wave of hope in communities that have been left behind. The Mbokodo Girls are walking, talking 'Everyday Activists' who assisted with The Justice Desk's Covid-19 relief project, supported fellow survivors and share their stories of resilience and strength to ensure that no other woman or girl feels alone!

"I now know that we as women and children shouldn't be ashamed to speak up when we are being abused. I've also learnt that we can do so much as children and that we don't have to shrink ourselves so that others feel big when around or with us." Mihlali, Mbokodo Girl

The motto of this project is "Wathint' Bafazi Wathint' Mbokodo" which translates to "You Strike a Woman, You Strike a Rock."

Ntsika yeThemba
Pillars of Hope

A huge highlight for 2020 was the launch of our Ntsika yeThemba Project, focusing on challenging toxic masculinity and teaching young boys and men about positive transformative gender masculinity. The project offers mental health support, mentorship from positive male role models, anti-gender based violence education, and outdoor adventure based human rights education. This is a dream that The Justice Desk team and Nyanga community have had for many years, and we are ecstatic that it's finally here!

"Being able to witness the boys and young men walk through the classroom door at Walter Teka Primary school, for the first time, was an experience you cannot forget. We want them to become the vessels of change, to add their voices to the conversation in ending Gender-based Violence. Taking that small step, they have already started their journey to become the Pillars of Hope, defenders of women and leaders for an equal society!"

Malcom Gertse
CED Manager

Ntsika Coordinator

The Justice Desk team grew this year! A huge welcome to the newest member of our team, Sicelo, who is our Ntsika Project Coordinator. Since joining the project, Sicelo has focused on building a curriculum for our Ntsika yeThemba project that is focused on re-shaping the way in which boys and young men have been taught to think about women and the world around them. A special focus has also been placed on helping the boys "find and know their true selves" which will undoubtedly help them along their Ntsika journey. Here are some of Sicelo's reflections:

"It's been truly wonderful being a part of this amazing project. For too long our boys have been left alone, with little to no positive male role models in their community. Our country has created a toxic culture of negative masculinity which is letting our boys down, and shaping them to become abusers and absent fathers. No wonder violence against women at the hands of men is such a problem in our country! But with projects like this, there is hope. During lunchtime, one of our boys told me that many of them don't have a father present in their lives. He said that his own father ran away and didn't want anything to do with him. I asked him if he wanted the same for his kids and he said "no", he wanted to be there for his kids one day, and hopefully this project would teach him how." Another young boy told me that he was afraid to come to the Ntsika yeThemba project, because he was so used to being bullied by other boys in his community, and thought that it would be the same. He was shocked when he arrived, saying that instead he "feels that the other boys are really supportive and care about me" - something he had not experienced before. Rarely do our boys have someone to speak to or someone they can ask for help, and learn from in our society - and I am so happy that this project is here to create a platform for these boys to feel heard, safe and to help them challenge the prescribed gender roles that hinder their growth. Together we will support, teach, and empower them to become like the slogan of this project: 'Pillars of Hope, Defenders of Women, and Leaders for an Equal Society."

- Sicelo Mangxola
Ntsika Coordinator

The Justice Desk
Youth Ambassadors

"The Justice Desk combines the power of campaigning and innovative projects to create real and impactful change. We want every child to have the best start in life, a safe place to learn and the skills to advocate for an equal future." - Jessica Dewhurst

The Justice Desk's Youth Ambassador's Project started in 2013, with the aim of empowering young people to become 'Everyday Activists', using their voices to stand up for the rights of other children! To date, the project works with 42 Justice Schools from across South Africa, Zambia & Zimbabwe, and we are growing our reach exponentially each year! Each school selects a minimum of 2 students to become our official "Youth Ambassadors" and 2 teachers to become our contact "Advocacy Teachers" in the school. Our incredible Youth Ambassadors work as a voice for justice within their school and community at large, inspiring and guiding their peers in running Justice Campaigns and other exciting initiatives that stand up for the rights of children.

The YA Project is fostering an understanding of social justice in schools, and encouraging students to be aware of the various human rights situations affecting children in their communities and across the globe. Our Youth Ambassadors are trained and empowered to run various justice & advocacy campaigns. These campaigns empower students to change the narrative and be a part of a movement of change-makers, who believe in the importance of our motto: "Children fighting for the rights of Children."

Four new campaigns are developed each year under four key themes to assist our YAs to unlock their potential and make a difference. The themes are: Children's Rights, Human Rights Education, Gender-Based Violence and Trafficking in Persons.

In July 2020 The Justice Desk, in partnership with The Westcourt Centre for Social Justice in N.Ireland and The Edmund Rice Network in England, launched the International Youth Ambassador's Online Project.

This online platform is an incredible opportunity for our Youth Ambassadors to meet and collaborate with other YAs from around the world, specifically from South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, N.Ireland and England! Since launching, we have run 5 conferences, reaching amazing young people from across the globe. During these conferences, our YA's have the space to discuss their different lived realities, support each other, be inspired by the work of The Justice Desk, and brainstorm potential ways to collaborate in order to challenge injustice!

The activities focus on leadership, advocacy, character building, social inclusion, human rights education and a broad range of additional topics brought forward by the Youth Ambassadors themselves. The last few sessions focused on topics such as COVID-19 and the impact it has on student's education, Gender-Based Violence, Human Trafficking and Mental Health Awareness.

The Youth Ambassadors have made and, undoubtedly will, continue to make incredible contributions to these discussions and we are very excited for what the future holds for these conferences. It has been a great way to keep young people connected during these unprecedented times. We are looking forward to continuing this program in 2021 and we hope this space will allow for more young people to join in creating a future they want to be part of!

Youth Ambassadors Conference Conferences

Early in the year, before Covid-19 hit our shores, The Justice Desk hosted our annual 5-day Youth Ambassador's Conference in Cape Town, where our Youth Ambassadors and Advocacy Teachers came from across South Africa and Zimbabwe to participate.

It was incredible to have a venue full of young change-makers determined to go out and make a positive difference in this world! Each and every Youth Ambassador and teacher attended various TJD workshops, talks and trainings in order to fully equip them in their roles. The YAs also had the chance to share their plans for the year and work alongside, learn from and support their peers.

We were incredibly excited to have our DEAF Youth Ambassadors join for the first time, not only did it promote the inclusive message that forms part of the core of The Justice Desk, but it also opened up the way in which our YAs viewed social justice work and the need for the promotion of an inclusive society!

Our YAs were also treated with a trip to Table Mountain, and took part in TJD's annual "Amazing Justice Race", which took place across the inner city. Students in groups participated in this scavenger hunt race, based on the themes of justice and human rights. Places they visited to get their next "clue" included The Slave Lodge, The Company's Gardens, St George's Cathedral, the site of a piece of the Berlin Wall given to President Nelson Mandela, as well as the Natural History Museum.

"We are incredibly grateful to be part of a movement that is working towards a bigger goal, and that is to create a more just and equal world."

- Youth Ambassador

42
SCHOOLS

76
YA's

54
ADVOCACY TEACHERS

The Justice Desk launched a Covid-19 Relief Program to assist various vulnerable communities during the pandemic.

Covid-19 Relief Program

Covid-19 hit the world hard and it meant that we all had to adapt quickly and effectively to ensure that no person was left behind! The Justice Desk became an 'Essential Service' overnight and worked hard to help vulnerable communities who had little to no food security and no access to preventative medical supplies such as masks, gloves and hand sanitisers during the time of lockdown in South Central Africa.

We had the privilege of partnering with Den Anker, based at the V&A Waterfront in Cape Town. This partnership allowed us to provide warm meals to women, children and men.
The Justice Desk team, alongside our Goodwill Ambassador Craig Lucas and brave volunteers headed to Nyanga, guided by our community leaders, to provide warm meals, food parcels, sanitary items and preventative medical supplies to the community. This was implemented making use of strict distancing and hygiene measures to ensure the safety of all those involved.

Covid-19 Projects

3 Educational Materials Created:

- Zambia Covid-19 Edu-Material
- SA Covid-19 Edu-Material
- GBV Information Edu-Material

REACHING:
18,250 PEOPLE

4 Food projects across Nyanga, Wesbank & Khayelitsha. Food was also organised for the families of our Youth Ambassadors.

REACHING:
48,480 PEOPLE

PPE PACKS
Sanitizers
Masks
Sanitary Pads

REACHING:
23,983 PEOPLE

Awareness Raising:

Regular radio interviews on Goodhope FM and Heart FM.

TV segments on eNCA speaking out against military/police brutality.

Releasing 7 online articles.

9 Social Media campaigns

REACHING:
252,701 PEOPLE

TOTAL REACH:
334,414 PEOPLE

The Training and Education Department

The year 2020 has been a year of many firsts for the Training and Education Department. The department was re-configured earlier in the year, to align with the new Justice Desk strategy. This allowed the department to re-think, re-plan and re-evaluate our materials, our trainings and how we could continue to implement them in the safest and most effective way. Due to COVID-19, many of our plans were put on hold. However, we discovered new ways of connecting with our learners and communities.

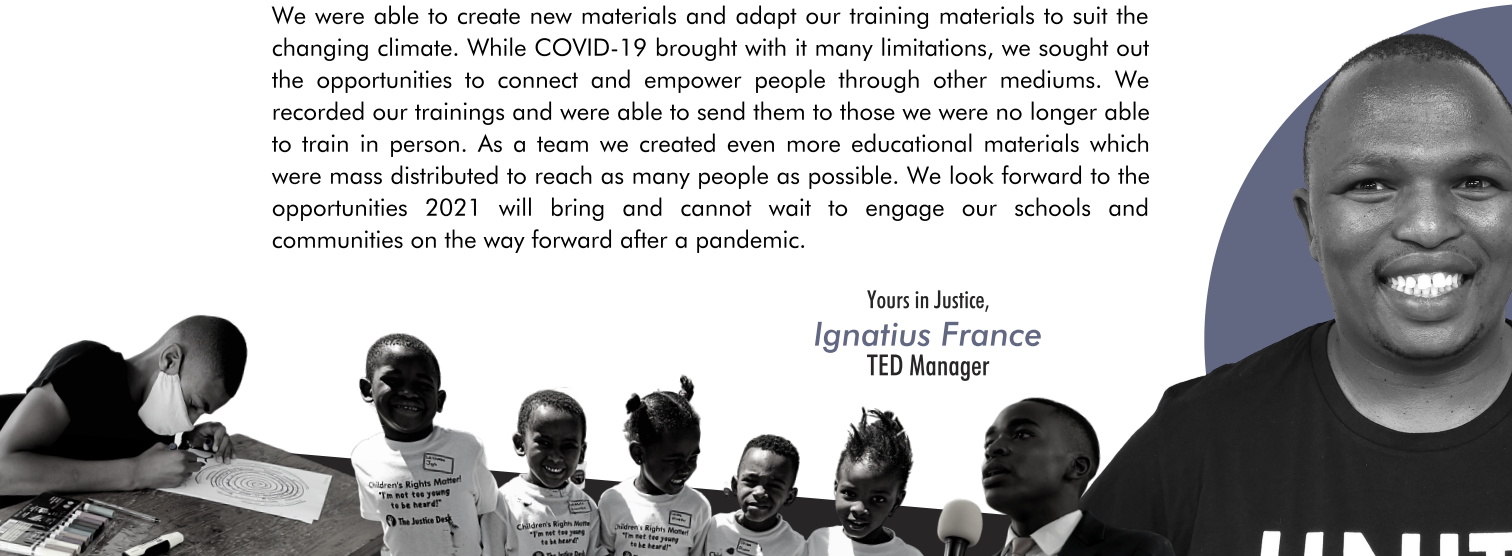
The new strategy of The Justice Desk allowed us to focus more closely on specific issues that plagued our communities, schools and families. The Justice Desk continued to educate, advocate and equip our heroes on our key focus areas, namely, Gender Based Violence, Children's Rights, Trafficking in Persons and Human Rights Education.

We were able to create new materials and adapt our training materials to suit the changing climate. While COVID-19 brought with it many limitations, we sought out the opportunities to connect and empower people through other mediums. We recorded our trainings and were able to send them to those we were no longer able to train in person. As a team we created even more educational materials which were mass distributed to reach as many people as possible. We look forward to the opportunities 2021 will bring and cannot wait to engage our schools and communities on the way forward after a pandemic.

Yours in Justice,
Ignatius France
TED Manager

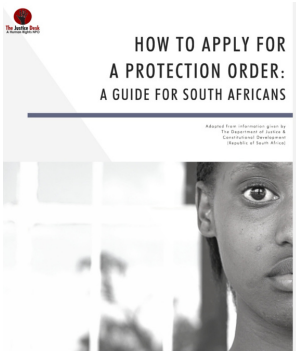
List of Trainings:

Child Protection
Gender-Based Violence
Everyday Activism
Trafficking in Persons
Human Rights
Specialised Trainings

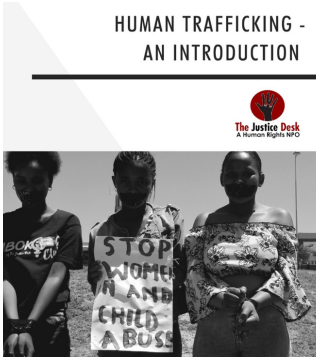


List of Educational Materials

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE MANUALS:



What are the causes of Rape?
What is Rape Culture?
SA Guide to reporting GBV.
An Introduction to Gender-Based Violence.
The Law and GBV.
GBV in Schools.
Child Marriage in Zambia.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING MANUALS:

What is Human Trafficking?

HUMAN RIGHTS: MANUALS

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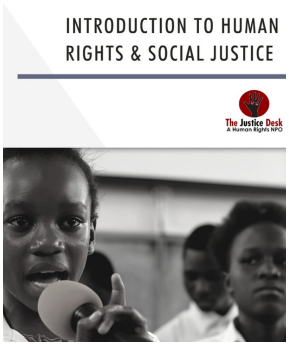
An Introduction to Human rights and Social Justice.
Rights of Arrested or Detained Persons.



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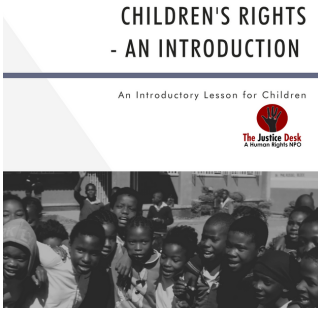


Research and Advocacy Department

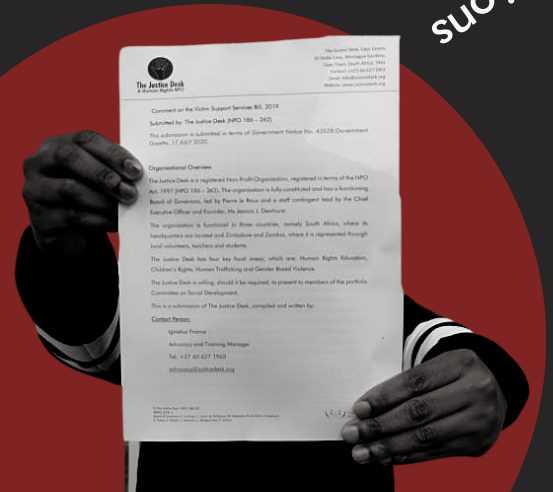
In order to challenge injustice, The Justice Desk recognizes the need for a holistic approach, one that involves research and advocacy at its core. Our focus remained on how we can equip and empower organizations, families, communities and schools to amplify their voices to challenge human rights violations in their contexts.

We successfully challenged the issue of statelessness in South Africa by partnering with Edmund Rice International in Geneva. Together we submitted an oral and written statement to The United Nations Human Rights Council to draw attention to South Africa's failure to respect and protect the rights of her children. Our message was received and accepted loud and clear!

On a national level, we were asked, by The Presidency, to join the coalition of non-profit organizations working on South Africa's National Strategic Plan on GBVF, led by the government. This process aims to mobilize the country to work to end GBVF. After making our submission to The Western Cape Government, we also celebrated the creation of the office, and appointment of the Commissioner for Children in South Africa, in the Western Cape.

The Justice Desk made its voice heard in 2020 by drafting and submitting two additional reports, firstly, in relation to the Victim Services Support Bill, taking a victim-centered approach; and secondly submitting our required changes on the Children's Amendment Bill.

National and International Submissions



2020 was yet another busy year for The Justice Desk! We are continually addressing the countless violations faced by children; implementing strategies to prevent Trafficking in Persons; successfully advocating for the rights of women and the girl-child and ensuring that the every-day person knows, understands and is able to fight for their rights!

We successfully submitted a report to the Human Rights Council on Gender-Based Violence in South Africa. We launched a petition that was signed by 5000 people (and counting) to call for the South African Presidency to roll-out effective GBV prevention plans, and issued out a message to South African men to stand up against GBV that was viewed by 28 000 people within a space of a few days!

The Justice Desk, its heroes and partners are a force to be reckoned with and 2020, despite its challenges, was no match for the sheer will and determination of The Justice Desk. As long as there is work to be done we will be working!

Keeping Children Safe 2020 Summit
Justice Desk
Human Rights NPO

On the 6th of October, our Chief Operating Officer and Child Safeguarding lead, was one of the main speakers at 'The Keeping Children Safe' 2020 summit. Her talk was on the 'Best Interest of The Child: Practical ways of safeguarding children on the ground'. The talk was attended by over 300 people and was a phenomenal success!

The Justice Desk works to make child safeguarding accessible to all people. Through our talks and trainings we look at the practical ways of safeguarding children and unpack The Justice Desk's Children's Rights Protection Strategies. Our aim is to equip all people and communities with the knowledge, skills and tools to protect their children.

"The risk of vulnerability and poverty disproportionately affects children. It is our duty to ensure that our children are protected, respected and supported. There are a number of mechanism, guidelines and principles that we need to follow." - Kayla Brittan

We have received the following awards:

2020

The UK Start Network named us as the winner of their "Brave Category" award.

The UK's Prestige Awards named us as their "Human Rights Organisation" of the Year" for 2020.

Inside Education chose Jessica as one of their "100 Shining Stars" of 2020.

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"Everyday Activists"

In-Country Ambassadors

The Justice Desk's In-Country Ambassadors are key individuals selected from various countries, who endorse and promote the work that The Justice Desk is doing across the globe. Our In-Country Ambassadors are Monica Jesby (USA), Amanda Cioffi (USA), Alexi Steinegger (South Africa), Rogër Rojas (USA), Chibwe Mwansa (Zambia) and Leonie Aulenbacher (Germany).

This year was challenging as our Ambassadors had to adapt and think creatively about ways of fundraising for and promoting the work of The Justice Desk. Our Ambassadors have given talks on The Justice Desk in colleges and schools, ran marathons, produced videos as well as raised thousands of Rands for our organisation.

They are an incredible part of The Justice Desk family and they proudly wave our flag across the globe.

Quote from Roger Rojas

"I was introduced to The Justice Desk when I had the chance to visit them in South Africa in 2017, alongside my fellow Iona College Alumni from The United States of America.

Little did I know a fourteen-day trip in South Africa would forever change my outlook on life and give me a greater understanding of what it meant to be an ACTIVIST.

Let's fast forward three years from now and I have grown to educate my peers on social injustice, women empowerment, and many other subjects that The Justice Desk promotes. I am thankful for The Justice Desk Team and being a part of this amazing organisation."

Global Good

Craig Lucas, South African singer, songwriter, and winner of The Voice SA Season 2 - joined The Justice Desk in 2019 as our first ever Global Goodwill Ambassador. Since then, he has been using his platform to promote and support the work of TJD.

CRAIG LUCAS

Our Global Goodwill Ambassadors volunteer their time, passion, energy and talents to promote human rights and the aims of The Justice Desk. They are usually renowned and talented individuals from their chosen field, who have been enlisted to advocate for the various causes of The Justice Desk.

"Becoming a Goodwill Ambassador for The Justice Desk has been one of the highlights of my career as a musician so far. I'm so honored to be a part of such an incredible organization and to get to work with and learn from some of the most amazing humans I have ever met. There exists so much potential for me to make a massive difference by being a part of The Justice Desk and I can't wait to increasingly tap into that potential. I feel like I can do so much more now with The Justice Desk as the vehicle facilitating real change within communities like the one I grew up in."

Yours in Justice,
Craig Lucas

will Ambassadors

They promote the ideals and mission of the organisation to the world, using their unique platforms and expertise. They encourage others to support the work and campaigns of The Justice Desk, and speak out in relation to human rights violations. Their main objectives are to raise awareness, support and fundraise for the different projects of The Justice Desk.

"I feel so incredibly fortunate to be part of The Justice Desk's team, who work tirelessly, and always passionately, to alleviate the suffering experienced by so many of our nation's people. I cannot call myself a child of Africa, if I do not live my life according to the Ubuntu philosophy where I can only be because someone else is. In order for me to live fully and completely, those who walk this earth alongside me, need to live fully and completely as well. I want another's life to matter as much as my own, to be protected as much as my own, and to be as joyful and free and welcomed as much as my own."

Yours in Justice,
Marco Spaumer

Marco Spaumer, the celebrated South African actor who is well-loved for his role as Tim De Plooy on the popular Afrikaans soapie Suidooster, joined The Justice Desk in 2020 as a GWA. He has shown true commitment as an everyday activist!

MARCO SPAUMER

The We Are Queer Event

"We Are Queer" an evening of music and art with Craig Lucas and other performing artists promoted our social justice campaign for February: Human rights & inclusive spaces.

We felt the need to highlight equality and to create a space for queer-identifying individuals to meet, engage and showcase their talents, express their views and challenge injustice.

We Are Queer celebrated diversity and launched a call to action to remind everyone that there is still work to be done, to fight for the rights of the queer community.

All proceeds raised at the event went directly to empowering and educating vulnerable communities on their Human Rights.

With Craig Lucas

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EVERYDAY ACTIVISTS

Campaign. Your Actions Define You

During Women's Month this year, The Justice Desk partnered with Warren Baynes and Studio Moo (UK) to put together a striking Women's Day Campaign: "Men: Your Actions Define You". The campaign is aimed at disrupting the current narrative which underpins the Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and femicide crisis in South Africa.

This incorrect narrative states that GBV and Violence Against Women (VAW), is a social issue experienced by women, which therefore should be responded to and challenged by women. Men are the main perpetrators of all forms of violence and GBV in South Africa. However, many men do not think of GBV as an issue that they are responsible for, nor an issue they have the responsibility to end. This often leaves the female, queer, and child victims and survivors of GBV alone to stand up against it.

The campaign makes a bold statement in challenging socially-accepted norms and behaviors, by publicly labelling unhealthy toxic-masculine standards and how they manifest in society as accepted acts of violence against women.

The Justice Desk received great recognition from the general public as well as the media. Due to the attention grabbing nature of the campaign, many necessary conversations were started. Additionally, we were able to showcase the campaign on a variety of outdoor advertising sites, amphitheater screens, print media, and many other platforms.

Printed copies of the campaign were also mass printed and distributed in communities across the continent.

GENDER BASED VIOLENCE IS A MAN'S ISSUE.
THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR VIOLENT OR ABUSIVE BEHAVIOUR.

#YOURACTIONSDEFINEYOU | JUSTICEDESK.ORG

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16 Days of Activism

On the 28th of November 2020, The Justice Desk, in partnership with The V&A Waterfront, hosted an activation called "You Have the Power to End GBV!" as part of our 16 days of Activism campaign!

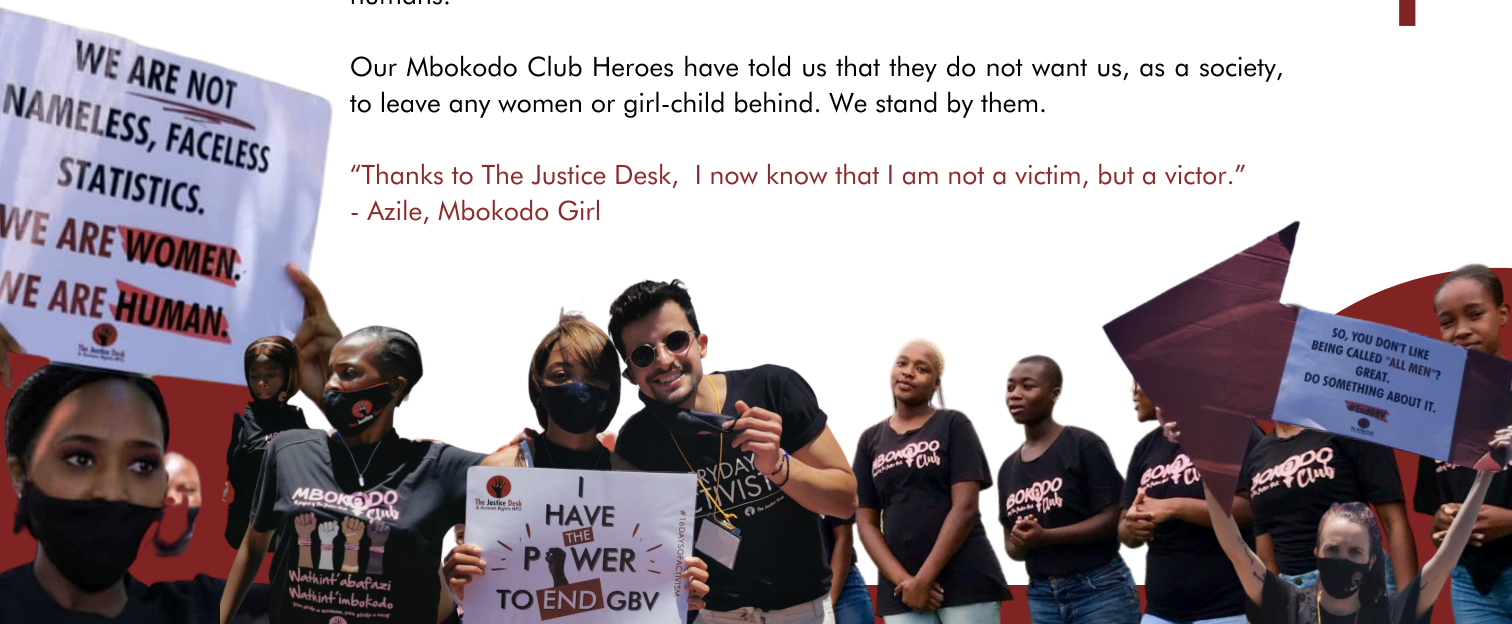
The 16 Days of Activism Campaign has been used as an organizing strategy by individuals and groups around the world to call for the elimination of all forms of violence against women and children. The Mbokodo Club, a TJD project for young girl survivors of rape and GBV from the Nyanga Township, known as the murder capital of South Africa, helped raise awareness about gender-based violence.

The Mbokodo Heroes used their powerful voices, incredible talents, and passion to call for the elimation of violence against women and the girl-child. Their message echoed throughout The V&A Waterfront in the form of powerful songs, dances, and personal poetry performances.

Our Global Goodwill Ambassadors, Craig Lucas, and
Marco Spaumer joined The Justice Desk and used their platforms to highlight the important work being done to end Gender-Based Violence. Conversations were started, empowerment cards were handed out and people were reminded that women and the girl-child are not nameless, faceless statisitics - they are humans!

Our Mbokodo Club Heroes have told us that they do not want us, as a society, to leave any women or girl-child behind. We stand by them.

"Thanks to The Justice Desk, I now know that I am not a victim, but a victor."
- Azile, Mbokodo Girl



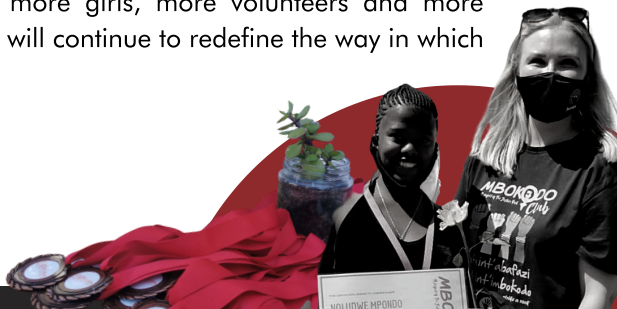
The Mbokodo End of Year Celebration

Den Anker Restaurant hosted our annual Mbokodo Club Celebration. It is a time where we come together to honour our incredible heroes for their dedication, and commitment to self growth, promoting the rights of others and becoming empowered women.

The Mbokodo Club heroes show us how much can be achieved when young girls are empowered to be the best versions of themselves. Through The Mbokodo Project, the girls have learnt to be confident and no longer fear taking up space. This year we felt incredible hardships but our strong network of girls supporting girls helped us get through it together.

They give us hope and courage to continue the work we do every single day, as they are well on their way to becoming the young women leaders this country needs. Once again, we thank all of our wonderful stakeholders, including the mentors, volunteers, community leaders and sponsors, who have been instrumental in the success of The Mbokodo Club project.

We look forward to welcoming more girls, more volunteers and more supporters in 2021. Together, we will continue to redefine the way in which society views in the girl-child!



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We are proud to announce the selection of Ambar Driscoll and Caspar Lee as TJDs Global Goodwill Ambassadors.

Upcoming Goodwill Ambassadors 2021

British influencer and model. Founder of Bamby Collective.

Ambar Driscoll

British-South African YouTuber and entrepreneur.

Caspar Lee

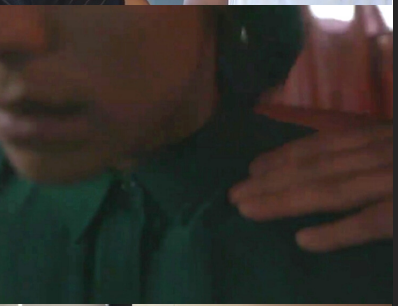
Upcoming: Merchandise

The Justice Desk is excited to announce our 2021 clothing collaboration with Craig Lucas.

This limited edition "Human" shirt will be available from January. Order yours before it's too late!

We will also have other exciting TJD shirts, hats, posters, bracelets and much more available into the new year!

Buy our merch, spread the message, and directly support the work of The Justice Desk!



The Justice Desk is becoming known for our exciting, high-quality and informative advocacy videos!

Our videos have a special focus on highlighting what human rights issues the everyday person, especially youth, should know about!

We released 18 videos this year with topics ranging from gender-based violence, trafficking in persons, children's rights, and child protection.

Head over to our YouTube page to see them for yourself!

The Justice Desk

Upcoming: More Advocacy Videos

Thank you to our Partners

Without our incredible partners, none of the work of The Justice Desk would be possible! We would like to send out a huge thank you to those who helped make 2020 a successful and impactful year!

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"BIG HEART" DONOR RECOGNITION:

The following awards of recognition are awarded to "Big Heart" donors of The Justice Desk. These awards are for a period of one year.

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R15,000 - R30,000

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R30,000 - R50,000

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R50,000 - R70,000

PLATINUM

R70,000 - R90,000

DIAMOND

R100,000 - R120,000

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"CHANGE-MAKER" DONOR RECOGNITION:

The following awards of recognition are awarded to "Change-Maker" donors of The Justice Desk. These awards are not time bound.

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R130,000

SILVER

R300,000

GOLD

R500,000

PLATINUM

R800,000

DIAMOND

R1 Million

"IMPACT CHAMPION" DONOR RECOGNITION:

R1 million minimum contribution per year.

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What is it?
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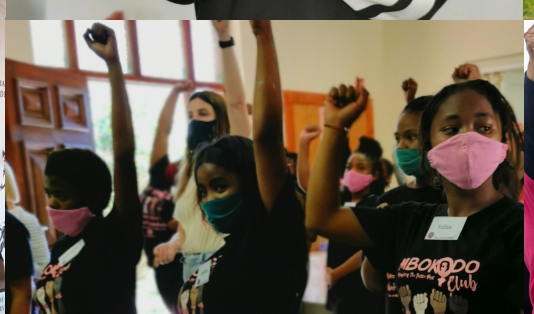
MBOKODO Club

We cannot wait to change more lives alongside you in

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