



**The Justice Desk**  
A Human Rights NPO

# ANNUAL REPORT 2021

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FOR JUSTICE**



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# The Justice Desk

## A Human Rights NPO

### WHO ARE WE?

We are a Human Rights non-profit organisation based in South Africa (SA), operating in SA, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We were established in 2013, with the main goal of "Promoting the Power of Everyday Activists".

In order to do this, we empower ordinary people to understand and defend their Human Rights - so that they can transform society and create a more just and equal world! We also work alongside civil society, NGOs, businesses, and governments across the globe to challenge and eliminate the root causes of injustice.

### VISION

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

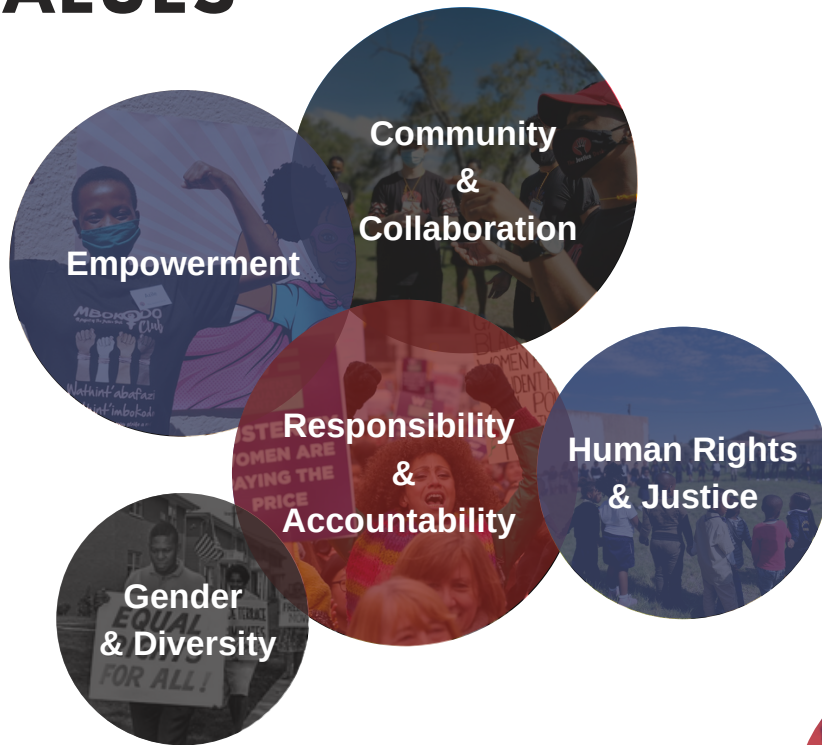
### MISSION

To educate, empower and equip the everyday person in human rights, justice and advocacy, in order to lead their own positive change.

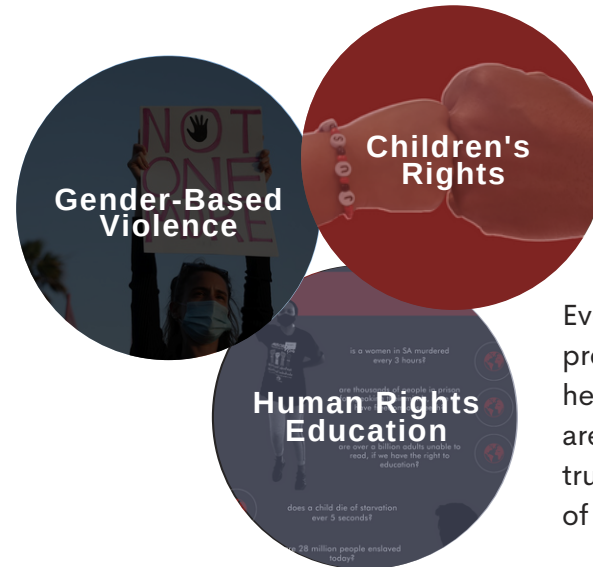




# VALUES



# FOCUS AREAS



Every three years, our project and community heroes choose our focal areas to ensure that we are truly catering to the needs of the people we serve.

# APPROACH



## Holistic

Integrating impact-driven research and advocacy with training, education, and initiatives aimed at empowering communities using a holistic Human Rights-based approach.





As an organisation, you should always endeavour to be prepared for the worst. As an NPO even more so. And the last 2 years have certainly brought the worst and tested us all in numerous ways. But if in 2020 The Justice Desk was able to survive, in 2021 we managed to THRIVE!

Thanks to the incredible work of our staff and volunteers, under the expert guidance of Jess and our board, we managed to continue our incredible work in defending the human rights of countless people. This year specifically, our work consisted of Advocacy Campaigns in the areas of gender-based violence, human rights, children's rights, vaccines for all and anti-bullying. And the results speak for themselves, continuing all we have achieved since we first began.

In the last 8 years, The Justice Desk has managed to impact over 1.5 million people with our work in South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe. This includes directly training nearly 600 000 people as "Everyday Activists" who are now equipped to lead their own change.

The importance of our work has never been more evident as our flagship projects continue to positively impact the lives of the communities we work alongside. The Justice Desk has worked tirelessly to ensure this continues, and it wouldn't be possible without the efforts of Jessica, Kayla, Malcom, Misqah, Sicelo, Shamryn, Lize, Naomi, Alexa, Lilitha and Ashley, who sacrifice so much in the pursuit of human rights for all. They are of course assisted by our board, partners, communities and our many amazing interns and volunteers, who do so much for The Justice Desk and our projects.

As the organisation's chairperson, I couldn't be more proud and I look forward to the future where even more lives can be impacted and changed for the better. I hope you'll join us.

**Yours in Justice,**

*Pierre le Roux*

**Chairperson**





Another year, another opportunity for me to express my deepest thanks for your continued love and support of The Justice Desk, and the countless communities and individuals who form part of our projects and family. 2021 has not been easy. We have been immensely challenged by the pandemic, multiple nationwide lockdowns, lootings, fires, taxi violence, gender-based violence, and the ever-present systemic abuse of fundamental human rights across South Central Africa. At the end of 2020, I thought we had experienced it all – little did I know that it was just the preview of the challenges still to come in 2021. However, we have also witnessed the incredible power of Ubuntu, community empowerment, and participation, as well as the power of the individual person to influence incredible change in their communities. Those who, in the face of absolute opposition, have stood firm in their belief of what is right, and have risked their all in order to build the world we all deserve.

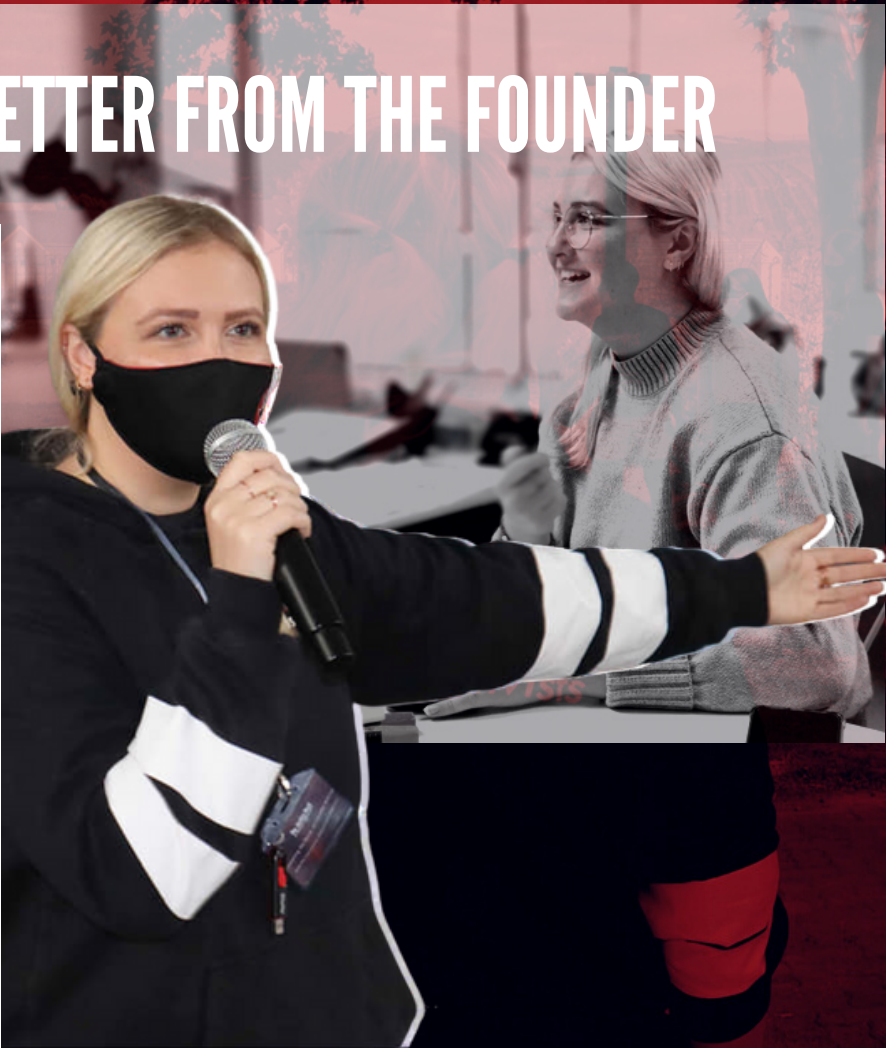
## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

Those are the individuals I will remember when I think of 2021. The people who have worked, taught, built, cared for each other, and risked their all for what our world CAN be, instead of what it currently is. I am thankful to say that we have played an important part in empowering, educating, training, and supporting those changemakers in their vital work – and we will continue to do so, as long as they have the passion and hope that the realisation of fundamental human rights IS possible within our lifetime! I would like to express my sincerest thanks to our truly incredible team: from our staff, to our interns and volunteers; board members; advisors; partners and stakeholders; donors; supporters; our friends; and most importantly, to our communities and heroes. I can never truly express how deeply I appreciate you and respect you. You are all vital parts of our TJD family, and I cannot wait to see what we continue to achieve together into the future.

Despite these difficult times, TJD continues to pioneer the way forward for developmental work, and as a result, we have now reached over 1.5 MILLION people. I am not exaggerating when I say that this is a direct result of YOU and your support of our work, so thank you and please continue to support us as we fight for the rights of all people! We still have a lot of work to do – but I have no doubt that this work is something that can be finished, forever!

Yours in Justice,

*Jessica Dewhurst*  
CEO



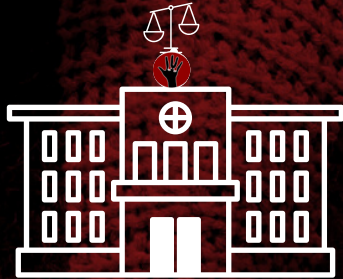


# 6 Advocacy Campaigns

Gender-Based Violence, Human Rights, Children's Rights, Trafficking-in-Persons, Vaccines for All, Anti-Bullying.

50

Justice Schools!



6

Virtual and In-Person interns.

33

Boys empowered to end GBV in their communities!

55

Abandoned and abused elderly people supported.

3

Global Goodwill Ambassadors!



Neon Dreams

Craig Lucas

Marco Spaumer

6

United Nations oral and written advocacy submissions.

80

Youth Ambassadors across South Central Africa.

58

Girl survivors of rape and GBV empowered!

40

Advocacy Teachers!



51

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

## In 8 years:

3

Working in countries:

South Africa, Zimbabwe, Zambia.

567,375

People directly trained and equipped to lead their own change.

1,500,000

People impacted.

7

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



## IMPACT STORY FROM RUTENDO



The Youth Ambassadors (YA) Project involves the training, mentoring, and equipping of our Youth Ambassadors, as well as hundreds of thousands of children in schools from across the globe who have signed up to our project. The incredible Youth Ambassadors work as a voice for justice within their school and community at large.

Here is an impact story from one of our YAs, Rutendo, our featured Everyday Activist:

"I am Rutendo, a 17-year-old Zimbabwean living in South Africa, who attends Holy Cross Maitland High School. I am deeply passionate about human rights and I am a proud Youth Ambassador of The Justice Desk.

Since joining The Youth Ambassadors Project in 2019 I've been empowered to do quite a lot in my community and in my school in the last few years. I started a mental health initiative for people who are suffering from mental illness so that they can find a safe space to feel heard, to feel seen and to know that there are people here to help. Previously, mental health was not something we talked about, and therefore many of my peers had nowhere to seek out help. I responded by putting together a large-scale survey that was able to capture the needs of my community, and met with leaders to put systems in place to meet these needs. The Justice Desk has really empowered me and has helped me a lot with the knowledge and tools that I needed in order to successfully run such an initiative. Using what I was taught through this project resulted in real change in my community, and my aim is to share this knowledge with other youth in my community.

Before joining this project, I did not know how I could spark change within someone else. A lot of young people also don't know that they have the power within them to make that change, but The Justice Desk helped me discover the power within myself. I now know that I am not too young to be the catalyst of change; and as a Youth Ambassador I have taken initiatives to help educate the people in my community and school about social justice issues. By equipping my community in this way we are recognising that we don't have to fight for change alone, because we can do it together! I will forever be thankful to The Justice Desk, it has been and will continue to be a wonderful experience that will stay with me for the rest of my life."

Rutendo has and continues to challenge social injustice issues in her community! She has mobilised her peers to advocate for human rights, submitted advocacy statements focused on eco-justice, taken part in The Cape Argus Youth Day Event and continues to campaign and fight for the rights of children and youth.

## EVERYDAY ACTIVIST



# THE JUSTICE DESK (NPO)

## Board Of Governors



Pierre le Roux

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Vice-Chairperson



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Secretary



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Board Member



Jessica Dewhurst

Board Member



Leigh Pietersen

Board Member



Bakani Ncube

Board Member



Letlhogonolo Mokgoroane

Board Member



Julia Robinson

Board Member



Mfundo Nomvungu

Board Member



Elena Williams

Board Member



Tayla Clemo

Board Member



# THE JUSTICE DESK TEAM

We have a team of young, dynamic, and innovative people working at The Justice Desk. Within the past year alone, we added three new staff members to our ever-growing team!

The past year has not only brought our team closer together, but it has also demonstrated their dedication, determination, and adaptability in the face of injustice.

Our goal at The Justice Desk is to promote the power of everyday activism, and we did just that!

Jessica Dewhurst

Chief Executive Officer



Kayla Brittan

Chief Operating Officer



Malcom Gertse

Training Coordinator



Naomi Chitsa

Mbokodo Project Coordinator



Misqah Appollis

Chief Administrative Officer



Shamryn Brittan

Communications Coordinator



Sicelo Mangxola

Ntsika Project Coordinator



Alexa Theron

YA & Umoya Project Coordinator



Primrose Ngqolowa

Domestic Leader



Lilitha Madikizela

Social Worker



Ashley Rangwani

Donor Partner Liaison



Lize-Mari Doubell

Legal Team



Zoleka Mqubeni

Crafts Leader





## MEET THOLAKELE

In 2013, The Justice Desk received a call from an incredible young man named Loyiso, who was stigmatized due to his HIV positive status. As a result of his family's poverty stricken position, he was unable to access medication.

Eventually, Loyiso went on to lead The Justice Desk's HIV Campaign, which challenged stigma and gave young people the support they needed to get tested. He became a volunteer, intern and eventually a member of the team. Loyiso was the heart and soul of The Justice Desk, and as a result, hundreds of thousands of lives have been changed. The 7th of July 2019 marked Loyiso's passing after years of fighting the virus, leaving behind his mother, Zoleka and his younger sister, Tholakele.

It was a full circle moment when Tholakele joined TJD as our head intern in 2021, determined to continue her brother's legacy of creating positive change. Her commitment to spreading the mission and vision of TJD throughout Khayelitsha and the rest of South Africa is one of the many things that makes her an integral part of our team! Ultimately, her dedication and unwavering positivity has contributed greatly to the success of our day-to-day operations.

*"I believe in the work TJD does, and I believe in the change that TJD is making for people and youth in our communities" - Tholakele Mqubeni.*

## INTERNS

2021 was an incredible year as we were able to host in-person interns! The Justice Desk's internship program is a way for young people to make valuable contributions to the vulnerable communities that we work with, to add their voice as changemakers and ultimately gain experience to grow their skillset.

Our interns were involved in human rights research, United Nations oral and written submissions, policy analysis, community volunteering, and project planning. By being involved in the daily workings of the organisation, they were able to experience how vitally important human rights work is within South Central Africa.

Our 2021 interns were: Tholakele Mqubeni, Olivia Burton, Claire Rankin, Joshua Kovarsky, Claire Dehosse and Sanelisiwe Zilwa.

A huge congratulations to our interns of 2021!





This year has been about growth, development and impact-driven work, with the heroes in our 7 flagship projects taking up the call to promote everyday activism. Across the projects we have had some incredible accomplishments - The Justice Desk team, partners and heroes should be very proud of all that has been achieved this year! We have learnt so many key lessons that we will take into 2022, but for now, we can look back and celebrate how far we have come as an organisation. Here are just some of our achievements this year:

## LETTER FROM THE COO

- We have expanded our Youth Ambassadors Project to 50 schools across the globe. We now have 80+ youth ambassadors and 40+ advocacy teachers leading the way in youth activism and we could not be prouder! Not only this, but 2021 saw the launch of our Youth Ambassadors Alumni Project, bringing back YAs who have graduated from the campaign in order to extend their advocacy efforts.
- We successfully accepted our third group of Mbokodo Club intakes for 2021 and have 58 young girl survivors of rape and GBV in the project, who are being empowered to go from "victim to victor". At the project our girls have access to social workers, trauma counsellors, mental health support, self-defence classes, fitness and boxing sessions, as well as leadership and empowerment sessions.
- We successfully completed the pilot year of our Ntsika yeThemba Project (Pillars of Hope), and now have 33 young boys from some of the most violent and marginalised communities, who are actively standing up against gender-based violence, injustice, homophobia, and toxic masculinity.
- We created 6 large-scale advocacy campaigns that fought against the violation of human rights, child abuse, trafficking in persons, gender-based violence, bullying, and the unfair distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine, to name just a few.
- We created additional educational materials and manuals on a variety of topics including: The Do's and Don'ts of Lobbying, The Best Interest of the Child, TJD's Guide to Community Mapping, Breastfeeding and Malnutrition for Mothers, Children's Rights when Arrested/Detained, and many others - empowering over 42,000 people to learn about their rights.
- We also released multiple advocacy videos, reaching close to 14,000 people.
- We ensured a steady flow of food items, masks, sanitizers, and other essential goods to our Umoya Project, caring for 55 abandoned, abused, disabled, elderly and neglected people. We also continued our relationship building & support sessions throughout the year.
- We launched a new Psycho-Social Intervention Department with a social worker, trauma counsellors and a 24-hour support line.
- We made 5 written submissions to the United Nation's Human Rights Council.
- We have trained thousands of people to advocate and build communities that respect and protect fundamental human rights, both online and offline; as well as continued to make food, masks, sanitizers and educational materials available in various communities across the country.

Yours in Justice,

*Kayla Brittan*  
COO



# MBOKODO Club

A project of The Justice Desk

A project focused on ending gender-based violence.

Empowers girl survivors of GBV and rape from vulnerable communities.

Provides girls with mental health support, self-defense classes and leadership & empowerment sessions.

The Justice Desk's Mbokodo Club Project focuses on offering empowerment workshops, mental healthcare, as well as self-defense programs to girl survivors of gender-based violence and rape. The young girls we work with are between the ages of 9 and 19 and come from vulnerable communities such as Nyanga, Khayelitsha, Gugulethu, Langa and Bonteheuwel.

Empowerment workshops: Our heroes are empowered through various lessons and skills development sessions, such as training on gender-based violence, human rights education, sexual health, leadership development, public speaking, body image, and self-confidence.

Mental health support: Our young girls are supported through mental health workshops (such as guided meditation, yoga, journaling, and reflection) which equip them with the necessary skills to look after their mental health in the future. The girls also attend regular trauma counselling and sessions with our social worker.

Fitness and self-defense: Specialised fitness sessions are run with our young girls which include boxing sessions and self-defense classes, which build their overall confidence and fitness levels.

The project focuses on equipping young girls to lead their own change, become community leaders and join a network of women supporting women within underserved communities and townships. Our young girls are able to achieve this because of the quality services and education provided to them at the Mbokodo Club.

The motto of this project is "Wathint' Abafazi, Wathint' Imbokodo" (You strike a woman, you strike a rock!).



In the past year, we have run 21 wonderful Mbokodo Sessions and 2 Mbokodo Camps. The sessions have covered a wide range of topics that have equipped the Mbokodo girls to become confident leaders and changemakers in their communities. As it is nearing the end of the three-year pilot we can look back and celebrate the growth of the project and how far the girls have come. The participants are making an incredible difference in their communities, all while becoming empowered young changemakers.

This year we officially launched the trauma counselling component of Mbokodo. We formed a partnership with the Community Intervention Centre and have trauma counsellors at every session, working closely with our girls to overcome their trauma.

**Article featured in ONE.org magazine**

**On standing up against gender-based violence**

In nearby Nyanga and Bonteheuwel, 17-year-old Nashieka, 20-year-old Mihlali, 12-year-old Inam, and 14-year-old Anelisa are growing up in one of the world's most dangerous countries for women. In South Africa, more than half of all girls will experience some form of gender-based violence at least once in their lives. Nyanga is consistently ranked the murder capital of South Africa, with a murder rate of 15.2 murders for every 100,000 women.

But these girls at The Justice Desk's Mbokodo Club are fighting to change that. Here, young survivors and witnesses of gender-based violence between the ages of 9 and 21 learn to prioritize their mental health, how to defend themselves, and the tools necessary to be empowered leaders. And these skills have proven useful.



**58 Mbokodo Participants**

**21 Empowerment Sessions**

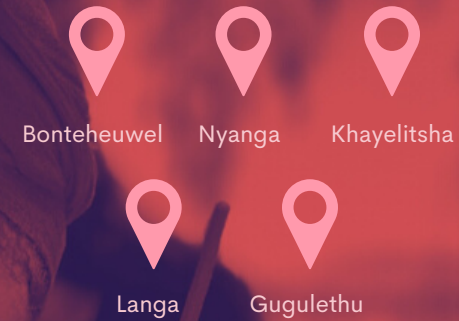
Some of the sessions themes: Sexual & Reproductive Health, Anti-Bullying, Human Rights Education, Children's Rights, How to Report GBV, How to Access Protection Orders, Confidence-Building, Body Image, Healthy Eating & Nutrition, Anti-GBV, Mental Health, Coping Mechanisms etc.

**2 Mbokodo Camps**

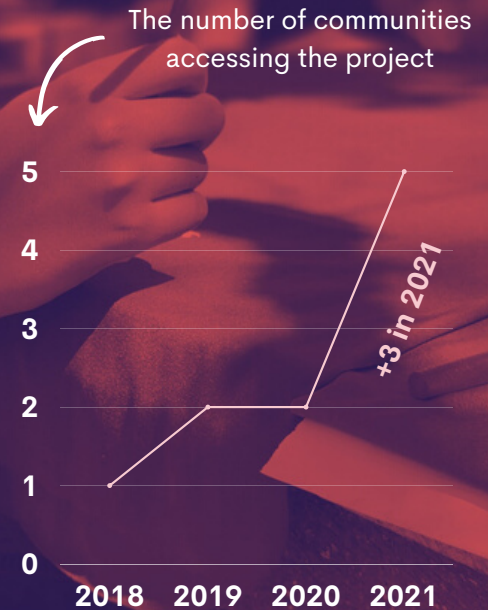
In-depth leadership & empowerment camps for our level 2 and 3 Mbokodo participants!

We have dedicated volunteers who attend all sessions and really put their hearts and souls into this project. With the addition of a full-time social worker we have been able to support the girls at a whole new level.

The project has been viewed as a wave of hope for the future of South Africa and has been recognised by a number of international bodies and embassies, including the High Commissioners of South Korea and New Zealand.



**5 Communities**







# Ntsika yeThemba

Pillars of Hope

A project aimed at ending gender-based violence by equipping a generation of positive male role models.

Empowering young boys from vulnerable communities to become pillars of hope, leaders of change and women's rights defenders.

Actively challenging toxic masculinity and GBV, as well as promoting equal rights and justice for all!

The Ntsika yeThemba Project aims to end gender-based violence by equipping a generation of positive male role-models, who challenge toxic masculinity and GBV, as well as promote equal rights and justice for all!

Through various positive role model encounters and mentorship initiatives – as well as through the use of outdoor adventure-based education – young boys from township communities, many without fathers or father-figures, are being empowered to become incredible leaders and agents of change. They are reshaping, re-defining and re-building positive ideas and actions of masculinity. They are being taught how to respect one another, respect women, understand consent, and be a part of building a free and equal country for all. Ntsika yeThemba: Pillars of Hope, Defenders of Women & Leaders for an Equal Society!

Empowerment Workshops: Our young boys are equipped through various lessons and skills development sessions, such as trainings on gender-based violence, human rights education, consent, and gender norms.

Mental Health Support: The boys are supported through mental health resilience development and workshops, such as guided meditation, yoga, journaling, and reflection. They also attend regular trauma counselling.

Outdoor Education: Exciting and innovative activities such as obstacle courses, team building, hiking, camping, and nature exploration are used to build an environment of team work, brotherhood, and learning.



I  
HAVE  
THE  
POWER  
TO END GBV



We have successfully run 20 Ntsika yeThemba sessions this year, with the boys and mentors having shown tremendous levels of growth. The counselling component of the project and the accessible nature of the support offered has meant that all of the Ntsika boys have been able to seek the help and support they have needed without feeling judged or isolated.

The first camp of the project was a massive success, with a jam-packed program, high levels of energy and, most importantly, a newly formed brotherhood of respect. Our Goodwill Ambassador Craig Lucas, who is also a Ntsika mentor, joined the camp and performed for the boys. The second camp further cemented the bonds between the boys and their mentors and allowed time for them to evaluate how far they have come in their first year of the project.

These young boys are creating positive change within their communities and are working to challenge GBV and toxic masculinity in all of its forms! We are so proud of their achievements this year and look forward to them growing even more into the future.



**33** Ntsika yeThemba Participants

**20** Empowerment Sessions

Peer Pressure, Challenging Toxic Masculinity, Understanding Consent, Anti-Bullying, Teamwork, Social Justice, Sexual & Reproductive Health, Gender-Based Violence, Storytelling, Confidence Building etc.

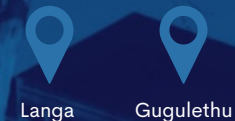
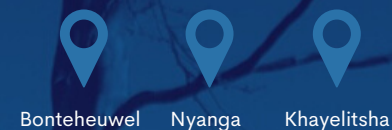
**2** Ntsika yeThemba Camps

Our participants were empowered through Outdoor-Based Education to learn about brotherhood, how to be a true changemaker and the importance of challenging GBV.

We have dedicated volunteers who attend all sessions and really put their hearts and souls into this project.

*"Ntsika is a group of young men that can change this world. It is formed by many different kinds of people, different kinds of backgrounds and circumstances. Although different for many reasons these young men can change this world and that's why I have been impacted by this group because of this small potential. This is not the only way it has impacted me, I have learnt about many things too such as mental health and law; just to name a few. I know not many kids get this opportunity to be part of such a movement therefore I thank the Justice Desk for trying and giving their best to raise leaders for the generation of today or even tomorrow. With that said, I thank the Ntsika and the Justice Desk and I believe with the right goal, Ntsika can change the world."*

Your Ntsika yeThemba member, Xolisa



**5** Communities

The number of communities accessing the project





The Justice Desk's Umoya Project is a relationship building project that focuses on the rights of disabled, abandoned, and elderly people. 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 over 1500 mentally and physically disabled, elderly, abandoned, abused, and sickly people. Our residents come from various underprivileged communities across South Africa and many have been completely abandoned and forgotten.

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 include coordinating physiotherapy, assisting in establishing vegetable gardens, delivering water and food, infrastructure upkeep and funeral support. During this pandemic, we also continue to ensure that all of our residents have all of the personal protective gear and food needed to last throughout lockdown periods.



Ensuring that no one gets left behind!

A project supporting abandoned, abused, disabled and elderly people.

Relationship building, direct services, volunteerism and loving through boundaries.



This year we have run 11 sessions; trained Umoya staff in nutrition and how to prepare food for residents with health conditions; located the family of one of our residents; and organised the funerals of residents who passed away.

Additionally, we officially opened our TJD Mobile Office at the Umoya Project in Khayelitsha, re-trained all Umoya staff, began rebuilding our volunteer group, and got our sessions back up and running following the Covid lockdown.

## 55 Umoya Residents



Khayelitsha



Community

## 11 Community Sessions





The Justice Desk's Ukhula Project, Ukhula meaning 'Growth' in isiXhosa, is a project which aims to promote the rights of children in South Africa. The project has two key components: firstly, Child Safeguarding, and secondly, Child Nutrition.

**Child Safeguarding:** The Justice Desk works hard in order to make child safeguarding accessible to all people. Through our various talks and trainings, we look at the practical ways of safeguarding children and unpack various TJD Child Protection Strategies. Our aim is to equip all people and communities with the knowledge, skills and tools to protect their children.

**Child Nutrition:** 14.2% of South African infants are born with low birth weight for their gestational age. This immediately sets them back for the rest of their life, and keeps our communities stuck in an intergenerational cycle of poverty. Stunting cannot be cured, but it can be prevented. We aim to prevent stunting in children under 5 by empowering mothers to improve their prenatal nutritional status in order to reduce rates of low birth weight, and therefore stunting, by providing them with evidence-based knowledge/training.



# THE UKHULA PROJECT

A Project by The Justice Desk

Fighting for the Rights of Children!

A project aimed at impacting the future of our most vulnerable citizens, our children.

Child Safeguarding & Nutrition, two vital aspects of a child's life!

8 Early Childhood Development Centre's (ECD's)





# THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROJECT

A project aimed at defending the rights of children.

Equips young people in schools across South Central Africa to become Everyday Activists and children's champions.

**The Justice Desk**  
Youth Ambassadors

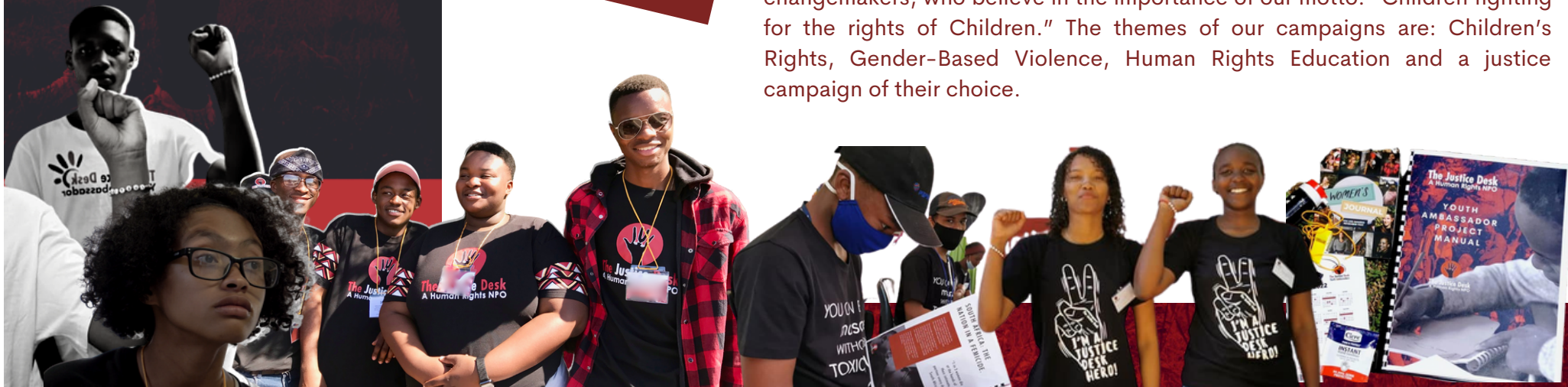
Building a generation of young changemakers!



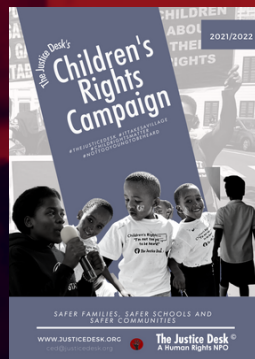
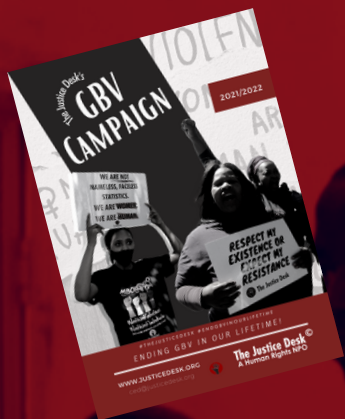
The Justice Desk's Youth Ambassadors Project is building a generation of young changemakers through empowering young people in various high schools to become Everyday Activists, using their voices to stand up for the rights of other children. The majority of the schools we work with are vulnerable schools where human rights violations are more prevalent.

The project involves the training, mentoring, and equipping of our Youth Ambassadors, as well as hundreds of thousands of children in schools from across the globe who have signed up for our project. The 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 youth. The project creates an understanding of justice in schools and encourages students to be aware of the various human rights situations affecting children in their communities and across the globe.

The Justice Desk develops 4 campaigns per year that the Youth Ambassadors (with the support of their teachers) run in their schools and communities. These campaigns empower students to be a part of a movement of changemakers, who believe in the importance of our motto: "Children fighting for the rights of Children." The themes of our campaigns are: Children's Rights, Gender-Based Violence, Human Rights Education and a justice campaign of their choice.







Zimbabwe South Africa Zambia

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Youth Ambassadors



The Youth Ambassador's Project has grown from strength-to-strength this year! Despite the restrictions and the uncertainty caused by the Covid-19 Pandemic our Youth Ambassadors (YAs) were still equipped and inspired to do what they do best, fight for the rights of children. The Youth Ambassadors and Justice schools developed and ran a variety of justice campaigns, from mental health to accessibility; children's rights to gender-based violence; and environmental justice to a safer schools initiative!

2021 also saw the launch of our YA Alumni Project, which welcomed our past students to join and mentor our new changemakers! This has been an exciting initiative and has inspired the team to work alongside our Youth Ambassadors to elevate it to the next level. The Justice Desk recognises the power of the youth and empowers them to use their strengths to bring about positive, political and social change. The last event of the year was the Justice Desk's Cape Town YA Conference. Students from multiple justice schools attended the Conference, which emphasized justice, inclusivity, and impact. Our YAs are practically applying all that they have learnt from The Justice Desk in a holistic, long-term and impact-driven way; in order to build communities that respect and protect the rights of all children. We are so proud of our YAs and everything they have achieved in 2021.

"I still remember what I was taught all those years ago in the project, it inspired me to choose the path I am on and always look for the 'just' approach. I am so excited to be a part of the Alumni Project!" - Bless, YA Alumni, 2016





# PSYCHO-SOCIAL INTERVENTION DEPARTMENT

The Justice Desk team has amplified and solidified our psycho-social services and increased our trauma counseling unit by having additional counselors available at every project session. These check-ins are such an important part of our projects and play a vital role in supporting our young heroes to make a change, not only within themselves, but within their communities as a whole.

Our Psycho-Social Intervention Team consists of one full-time social worker (Lilitha Madikizela) and 6 trauma counsellors. The purpose of the Psycho-Social Intervention (PSI) Department is to provide social work services to the numerous people in our projects. These services include counselling, long-term and short-term intervention, assessing and referring abuse cases to CPA, and other related services. We have created a helpline that our heroes can contact when they need psycho-social services such as counselling, a safe house, or any assistance relating to their mental and social wellbeing. This number can be contacted at any given time when the child is in urgent need of assistance, including weekends.

The Justice Desk truly believes in the strength of partnerships and collaborations with other organisations. In this way, we ensure that we do not work inefficiently and in silos. In the first quarter, we formed a fruitful and beneficial partnership with the Community Intervention Centre (NPO) who has assisted us with trained trauma counsellors at all of our project sessions. This partnership has ensured that all the young children in The Mbokodo Club and The Ntsika yeThemba Project, as well as any other heroes in our communities, have access to mental health support.

## LILITHA MADIKIZELA

TJD SOCIAL WORKER

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# TRAININGS

# TALKS

The Justice Desk trains and equips various communities in a variety of areas, including: Human Rights, Children's Rights, Gender and Equality.

Through our Human Rights and Gender-Based Violence specific trainings and educational materials, The Justice Desk works alongside children and adults across South Central Africa to teach them what their rights are, how they can defend them, and how to responsibly work towards creating a just and fair society through the promotion of everyday activism. TJD also provides informative, practical and context-specific talks to schools and colleges; as well as trainings in various fields to NPOs, FBOs, Government, Civil Society, and various communities. The key objective of our trainings are to equip everyday people with the skills needed to be responsible everyday advocates for change.

In 2021 alone, The Justice Desk's Community Empowerment Team, as part of Women Lead Movement's training programs, educated and equipped hundreds of people from various communities about 'Knowing Their Rights' as well as knowledge about protection orders and various GBV laws. Empowering and equipping communities and educating people about their Human Rights, Children's Rights and challenging Gender-Based Violence is what we do best. Our work won't stop until every person knows and truly understands that they have rights as human beings - and once they know about these rights, they will be empowered to stand up against injustices and enact change wherever they go.

**4100 + PEOPLE TRAINED**





# EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

The Justice Desk prides itself on its ability to make social justice work accessible. This year we created and disseminated 38 Educational Materials on a variety of topics in line with our three focus areas.

Our aim is to always equip everyday people to know, understand and defend their rights, which we believe begins with education.

The Justice Desk's Educational Materials are shared with schools and communities across South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe and are used to practically challenge injustice and support people to lead their own change.

*"Human Rights Education is the cornerstone of development, access and long-term social change. Knowledge opens up doors that are closed by systemic injustice. At The Justice Desk we believe it is necessary to not only share the knowledge we have but encourage others to do the same. Mutual learning fosters exponential growth!"*

- Kayla Brittan, TJD COO.

## SOME OF THE MATERIALS CREATED IN 2021:

### 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 RIGHTS: MANUALS

The Do's and Don'ts of Lobbying in SA.  
 Justice and Advocacy Tools.  
 An Introduction to Human Rights and Social Justice.  
 Rights of Arrested or Detained Persons.  
 Breastfeeding and Malnutrition for Mothers,  
 Guide to Community Mapping.

### CHILDREN'S RIGHTS MANUALS:

Rights of Children: Detained or Arrested.  
 Children's Rights & Responsibilities.

#### INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS & SOCIAL JUSTICE



#### HOW TO APPLY FOR A PROTECTION ORDER: A GUIDE FOR SOUTH AFRICANS

Issued in collaboration with the Department of Social & Traditional Matters, Republic of South Africa



#### CHILDREN'S RIGHTS - AN INTRODUCTION

An Introductory Lesson for Children



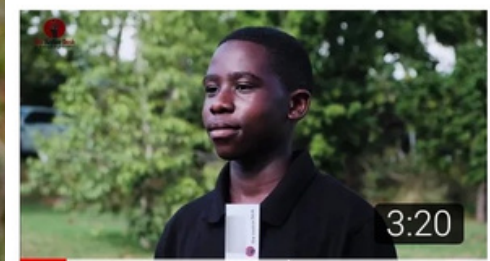


# ADVOCACY VIDEOS

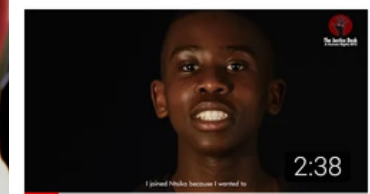
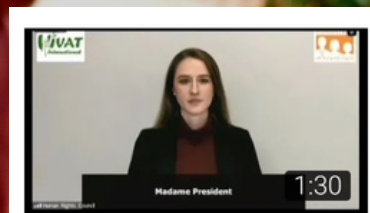
2021 has been an exciting year for the creation of advocacy videos. We created an organisational video of our Ntsika yeThemba Project as well as a feature video of our Ntsika yeThemba boys, who speak out on a variety of issues such as gender-based violence and the right to one's own identity. These videos are brilliant reflections on the impact of the project.

In April, the Canadian band, Neon Dreams came to visit The Mbokodo Club and The Ntsika yeThemba Project. We released 2 videos of their visit to our projects, with one of these videos including behind the scenes interviews with band members, Frank and Adrian, speaking about the impact of these projects.

We also created a series of videos featuring our changemakers within our network, various oral submissions to the United Nations, and our "Vaccines for All" campaign video. We were also featured on The Espresso Show's Human Rights Day segment and on the Cape Argus' Youtube channel for Youth Day.



Head to our YouTube channel  
@TheJusticeDesk



The Justice Desk is constantly creating video content in order to promote our work, as well as educate people on a number of human rights issues.





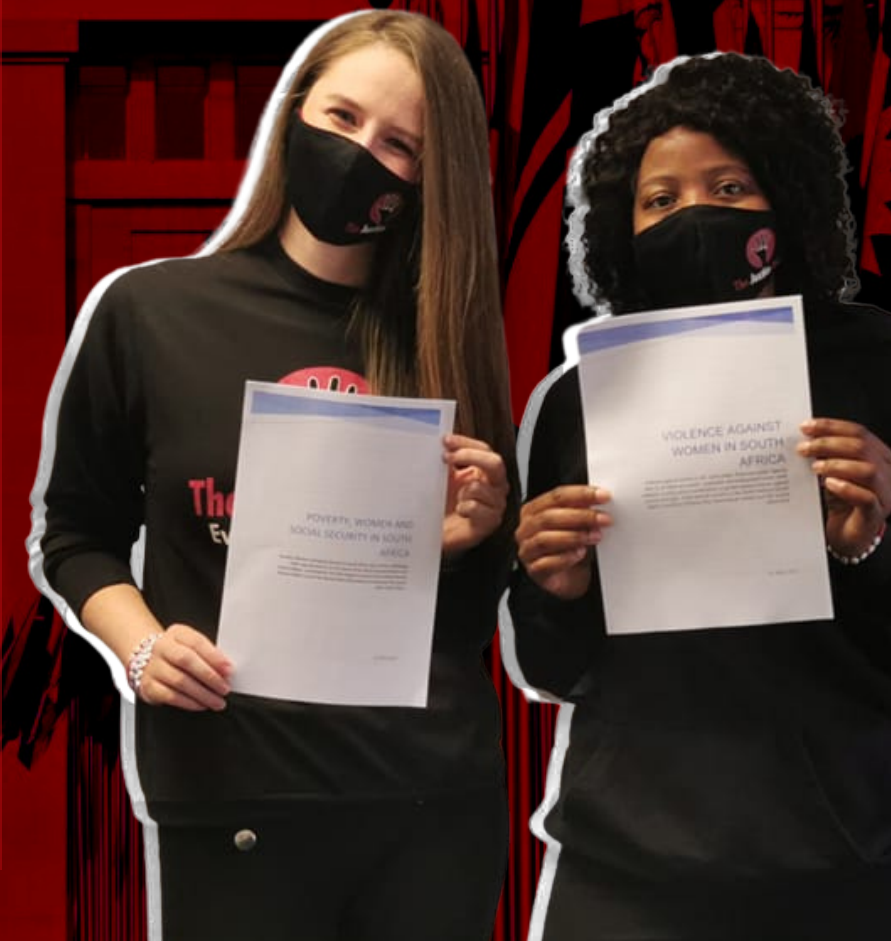
Jessica Dewhurst, our CEO, spoke at the United Nations Human Rights Council earlier this year. As a voice against gender-based violence in South Africa, Jessica urged the United Nations to put pressure on the South African government to implement prevention strategies, rather than just reactive laws. Furthermore, TJD called attention to the millions of South African children who did not have access to a proper education during the country's struggle with Covid-19. Both submissions were accepted by the UN and were well received by the UN's member states.

Later in the year, The Justice Desk spoke again at the United Nations Human Rights Council against the severe affect that poverty has on women in South Africa. Specifically, we came on board to support the suggestion made by the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, for a global fund for social protection. As a result of the global fund, women of colour would be especially protected, who bear a disproportionate burden of poverty. We argued that this fund would be particularly significant for low-income countries around the world, including South Africa, which is currently the most unequal country in the world.

We provided various recommendations for the UN on the proposed new fund. We argued that for the fund to be successful, it would need to be accompanied by the capacity building of local NGOs to assist in the monitoring and implementation of the fund, to prevent corruption. We also put forward that it was vital that strategies be implemented to curb the potential exploitation of low-income countries by high-income countries through this fund. Our stance was that we, as a society, could not and should not allow more systems of oppression to manifest themselves in such processes.

As an organisation that is passionate about challenging injustice, we recognise the importance of national and international lobbying. We made five submissions to the United Nation's Human Rights Council on: "Violence Against Women in South Africa"; "Trafficking in Persons"; "C19's Impact on Schools"; "The Impact of GBV on SA" and "Poverty, Women and Social Security in South Africa". Furthermore, we spoke at the UN on three occasions regarding violence against women, the effects of Covid-19 on schools, and gender-based violence in South Africa.

## AT THE UNITED NATIONS





# THE UNIVERSAL PERIODIC REVIEW

Our Universal Periodic Review submission on the human rights situation in Zimbabwe to the UN, was written by TJD Volunteer Xavier Rebelo and TJD Board Member and Zimbabwe representative Bakani Ncube, after many months of research and hard work.

We focused on the following areas:

- Rights of Women in Marriage
- Gender Equality
- The Legality of Child Marriage in Zimbabwe
- Institutional Enforcement
- Politically-Motivated Arrests
- Suppression of Freedom of Expression

To find out more about our submissions head to our website at [justicedesk.org](http://justicedesk.org). We are eagerly working on South Africa's 2022 UPR.



# NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

The Justice Desk forms part of the Gender-Based Violence National Strategic Plan working group of South Africa, which is a coalition set up by the South African government in a response to the ongoing gender-based violence and femicide crisis in the country.

The coalition is made up of government reps, NGOs, faith-based organisations, as well as organised labour and business leaders. The aim is to get all sectors of South Africa working together to address the issues of gender-based violence and femicide. The Justice Desk sits on Pillar 1 of the coalition that focuses on: Accountability.

Through our engagement on this platform, we are collaborating with like-minded partners in creating effective plans of action to truly end GBV in South Africa. Accountability is something TJD is incredibly passionate about as it is the cornerstone to ensure that justice is served.





# VACCINES FOR ALL CAMPAIGN

Together, The Justice Desk and Edmund Rice Education Beyond Borders launched the "Vaccines for All" Global Campaign. Our main message was clear: health care is a fundamental human right, and all people should have equitable and affordable access to vaccines, no matter where you are born.

The emergence and widening of ever increasing inequality gaps has been exasperated by Covid-19, where wealth and geographical location often mean the difference between those with access to health care and those without.

In low-income countries, where access to basic human rights is already limited; economic decline, food insecurity, and job losses are becoming even greater concerns due to the pandemic. Low-income countries can only begin to address these concerns by gaining access to affordable vaccines, which has been a struggle to say the least.

We do not believe that there is a shortage of vaccines, but rather that there is an unfair distribution of vaccines between low and high-income countries. Therefore, it remains vital that COVID-19 vaccines be distributed urgently to low-income countries. However, even if the equitable distribution is achieved, if the vaccines are not affordable, it will be of no effect. We must then also ensure that vaccines are affordable in poverty stricken countries.

Over the past year, TJD has done an incredible job of partnering with over 50 schools all over the world to amplify this campaign. The campaign consists of the distribution of posters to schools, awareness-raising activities, and letter-writing campaigns. Our campaign pushed the global community to understand that affordability should not be a barrier for people from poorer communities to access the vaccine, and that it was our duty as human rights defenders to never leave anyone behind.

Students from around the world are supporting this campaign by writing to pharmaceutical companies, the European Union, and their local governments.



You can find our "Vaccines for All" Campaign video on our Youtube channel.



# EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT MARCH

When the children of our country need allies and voices to support their cries, South African women come to the forefront. On the 28th of May 2021, one voice sounded and many voices echoed, bringing with them a wave of positive change. Theodora Lutuli, the principal of Inkwenkwezi and Khanyisa educares and vice-chairperson of The Justice Desk's Board of Governors, organised and led a peaceful demonstration in the fight for children's rights. A memorandum was delivered to the Department of Basic Education (DBE) and the Department of Social Development (DSD), urging them to take action to protect Early Childhood Development Centres (ECDs) and the thousands of women who were losing their livelihoods due to Covid-19 lockdowns.

As a united front, The Justice Desk team marched in solidarity, further spreading the message that our Early Childhood Development Centres can no longer be left behind, as they are the foundational building blocks of our country. The inspiring and passion-filled demonstration ended once the DBE accepted the Memorandum. Shortly after, an incredible outcome was reached which resulted in Theodora and other fellow heads of ECD's being personally invited to the ECD Summit held by the Western Cape Government in order to share our proposals for change within the ECD sector. The Summit sought to regain and restore trust between the government spheres and the ECD sectors.

"In order to see a progressive realization of children's rights, child protection and youth development, credit cannot be given to a single entity. It is through the passion and meaningful collaboration of all those who work hard behind the scenes to create the path for these amazing children. Our ECD representatives are confident that by working directly with the DBE and The Justice Desk, we will continue to ensure that the present and futures of our children are protected. We represent the masses and shall continue to do so." - Theodora Lutuli





## MISSION AMBASSADORS

Each year, The Justice Desk selects key ambassadors from various countries across the globe, who endorse and promote the work of The Justice Desk in their countries. Our Mission Ambassadors are Monica Jesby (USA), Amanda Cioffi (USA), Alexi Steinegger (South Africa), Roger Rojas (USA), Chibwe Mwansa (Zambia), Leonie Aulenbacher (Germany), Luke Waltham (South Africa and the UK), Flower La (South Korea) and Meghan Hector (South Africa).

This year alone, our Mission Ambassadors have given advocacy talks on The Justice Desk in colleges and schools, as well as at events and conferences. They have implemented mental health initiatives in their places of work, are the faces of various TJD campaigns & videos, and have amplified and run various fundraising campaigns for our project heroes. Collectively, they have used their voices to make a difference as well as raise thousands of Rands for our organisation.

Our Mission Ambassadors encourage people all over the world to take action, together with The Justice Desk. They are an integral part of The Justice Desk family, and they proudly wave our flag in every corner of the world.

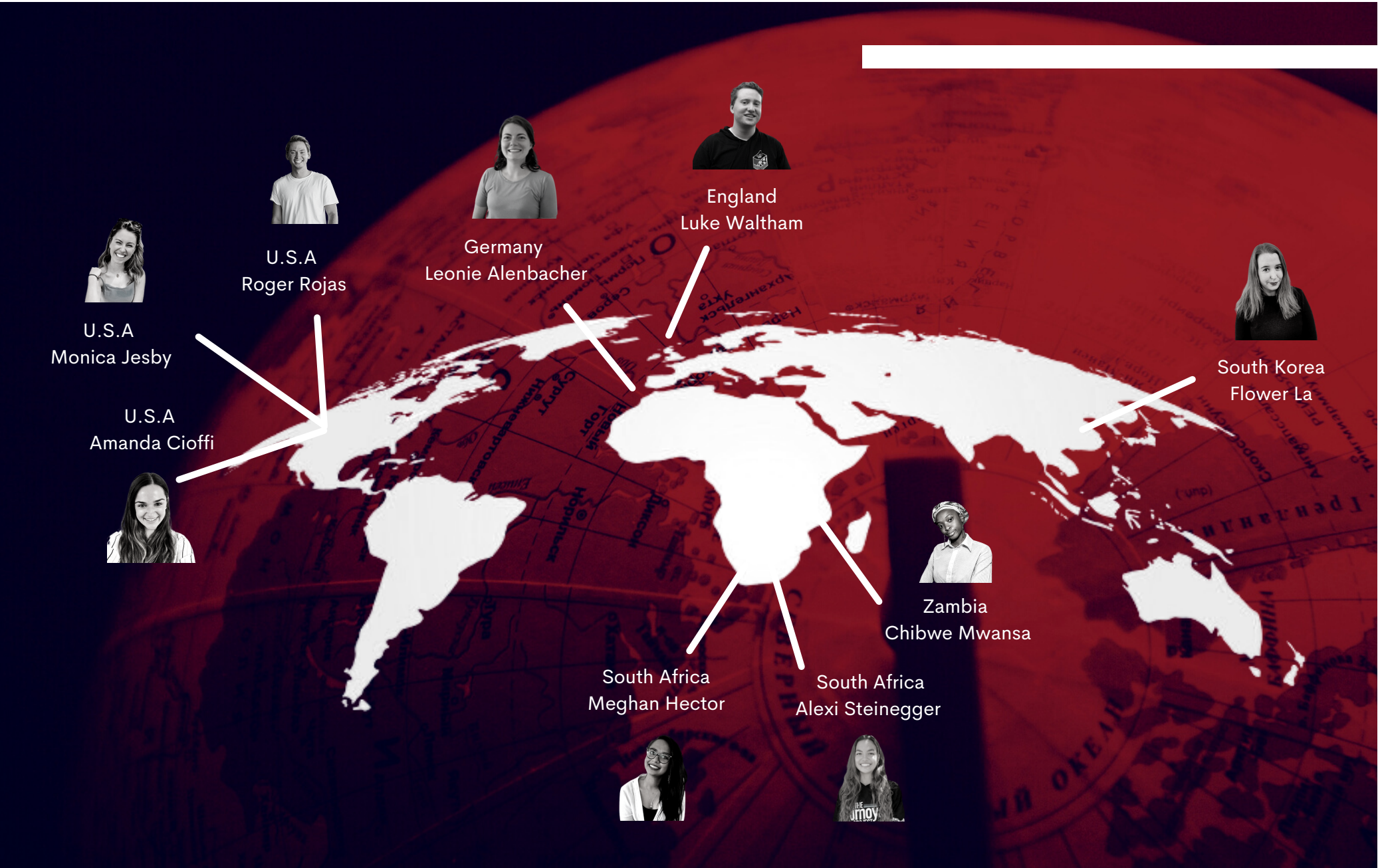
Flower La is our Mission Ambassador in South Korea. She joined our program in 2021, with the aim of promoting our work across Asia. Flower uses her platform as an activist for social change, especially to stand against gender-based violence.

She spoke at the United Nations Youth Conference, and sells TJD merchandise in order to raise awareness & funds for our work in South Central Africa. She also established a support group for women experiencing domestic violence and other forms of GBV in South Korea. She is an incredible example of a Justice Desk "Everyday Activist" and we look forward to what she'll achieve in 2022!





# TJD'S 2021 MISSION AMBASSADORS



U.S.A  
Roger Rojas



Germany  
Leonie Alenbacher



England  
Luke Waltham



U.S.A  
Monica Jesby



U.S.A  
Amanda Cioffi



South Korea  
Flower La



Zambia  
Chibwe Mwansa



South Africa  
Meghan Hector



South Africa  
Alexi Steinegger



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. They promote the ideals and mission of the organisation to the world, using their unique platforms and expertise. They encourage others to support our work and campaigns, 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.

Marco Spaumer joined The Justice Desk in 2020 as a GWA, and since then has demonstrated true commitment as an everyday activist. Marco is well-known for his role as Tim De Plooy in the popular Afrikaans soapie Suidooster.

Throughout the year, Marco has been very involved in our projects, volunteering his time to visit project sites and our community members.

"I loved spending my time with The Justice Desk this year as they introduced me to their ECD programme. Getting to know their projects more and getting to read to the kids to explain the beautiful process of a worm/caterpillar becoming a butterfly was a wonderful moment that I will cherish from this year. Our country's future will have so many children, and so many 'butterflies' in it, so it is imperative that we continue to fight for their rights and ensure that their safety and well-being is prioritized. It is also vital that we continue to support the good work of Theodora and the rest of her Justice Desk team to fulfill this promise."

Marco has been incredibly dedicated to the work of The Justice Desk, attending conferences, activation events and living out the message of being a true everyday activist.



**MARCO SPAUMER**



## CRAIG LUCAS

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.

This year Craig has dedicated his time and energy volunteering as a lead mentor in our Ntsika yeThemba Project. He has had such an incredible impact on our boys as well as our project as a whole.

*"I know how hard it is growing up without a father or positive male-role model. This is why this project means so much to me – I can help mentor these young boys and help them to grow into the amazing men that they all have the potential to become. These boys are receiving specialised outdoor-based education sessions, accessing trauma counselling, and attending various leadership and empowerment workshops – all of which are helping them to fulfill their roles as Pillars of Hope, Defenders of Women & Leaders for an Equal Society."*

Craig also launched an exciting collaboration with The Justice Desk – our limited edition 'Human' T-shirt. All of the proceeds from the sale of the shirt went directly to help fund the incredible work of our projects. *"With only 100 T-shirts made, our limited edition 'Human' collaboration is special to me. It represents the LGBTQIA+ community of which I'm a proud member and shows that every human deserves to be treated with respect and dignity."*

Craig is a fundamental part of team TJD, using his platform to promote justice and equality, all while challenging GBV, discrimination and toxic masculinity. Keep your eye on 2022 for more exciting initiatives with Craig and our GWAs!





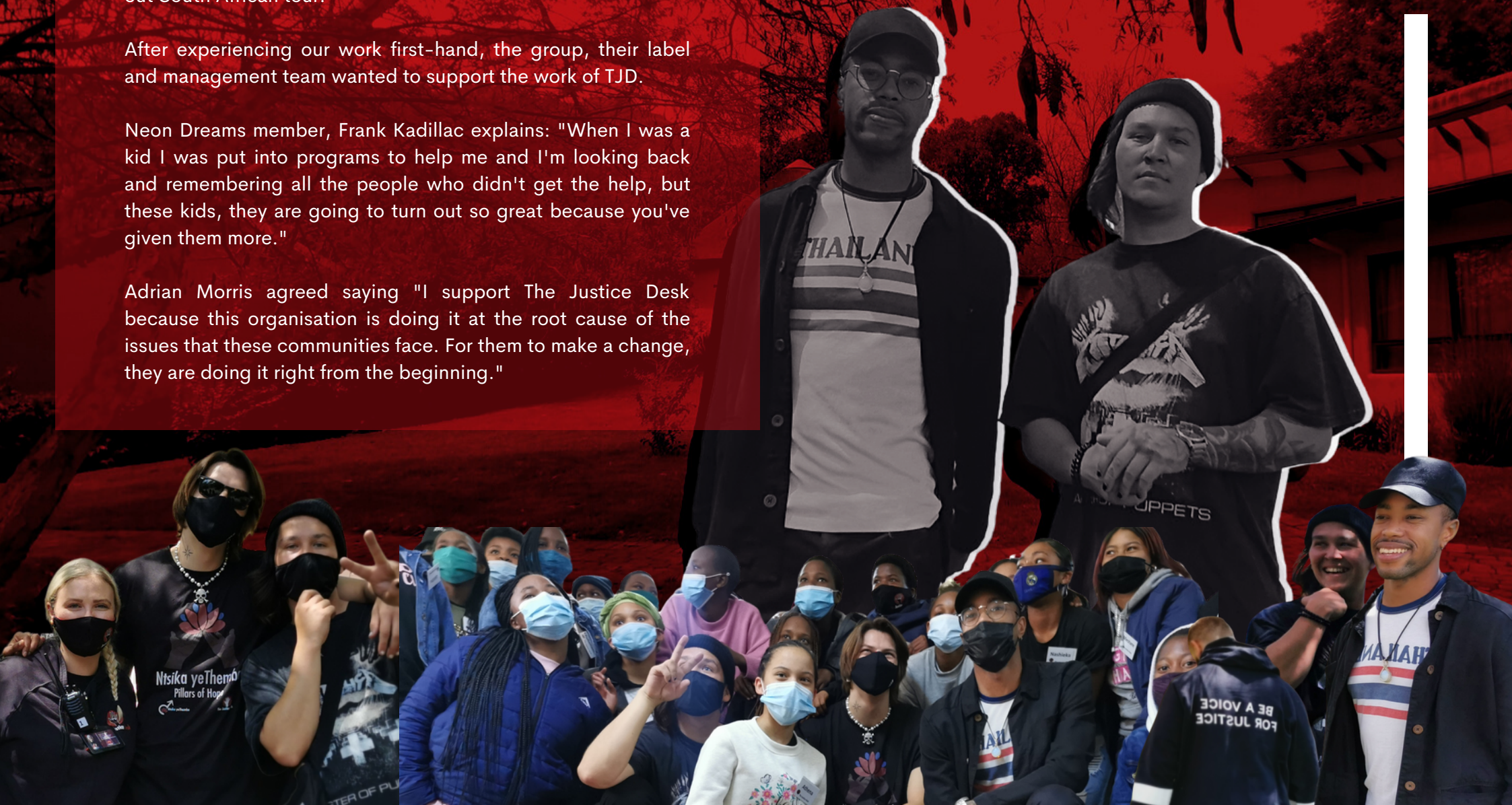
2021 saw the welcome of award-winning Canadian Alt-Pop duo, Neon Dreams, as The Justice Desk's Global Goodwill Ambassadors. This year, the group topped the charts in South Africa with their hit single Life Without Fantasies and had a sold out South African tour.

After experiencing our work first-hand, the group, their label and management team wanted to support the work of TJD.

Neon Dreams member, Frank Kadillac explains: "When I was a kid I was put into programs to help me and I'm looking back and remembering all the people who didn't get the help, but these kids, they are going to turn out so great because you've given them more."

Adrian Morris agreed saying "I support The Justice Desk because this organisation is doing it at the root cause of the issues that these communities face. For them to make a change, they are doing it right from the beginning."

## NEON DREAMS





# NEON DREAMS VISIT AND EVENTS

In order to learn more about The Justice Desk's work and mission, Neon Dreams visited The Justice Desk's headquarters and communities to see first-hand how we are making a difference. We introduced them to our two partner ECDs Khanyisa and Inkwenkwezi in Nyanga, where we taught them the importance of education and breaking out of cycles of poverty.

In addition to immersing themselves in our projects, Neon Dreams also organised a private concert for our Ntsika yeThemba boys and Mbokodo Club girls. This event was an unforgettable moment for our project heroes, seeing such a phenomenal band perform some of their favourite songs. During the performance, Neon Dreams were surprised by our Mbokodo girls, as they choreographed and sang three of their songs with a Justice Desk twist.

Towards the end of the year, Neon Dreams organised a virtual fundraiser show with all proceeds going to TJD. They also promoted our message of everyday activism on a global scale and included us in their latest music video for their new single "Say it out Loud" with Mthandazo Gatya!





On the 21st of March, we celebrated Human Rights Day with an activation in collaboration with our partners, the V&A Waterfront. Our theme for the day focused on 'My Rights, Your Rights, Our Responsibility'.

In South Africa, we celebrate Human Rights Day on a different day to the rest of the world. As South Africans, we place emphasis on this day, as it is both a celebration of the rights of all citizens and a reminder of those who lost their lives in the Sharpeville Massacre. This day reminds us of the injustice of the Apartheid regime and of the tremendous struggle that many South Africans underwent to secure their dignity and human rights. Human Rights Day is marked by ordinary people uniting to defend their rights and demand justice for all South Africans. It commemorates our progress in achieving these collective freedoms as a Human Rights organisation but it is also an important reminder that the battle for justice is not yet won.

Therefore, we wanted to celebrate Human Rights Day as a day that reminds us of the need to practice everyday activism in order to bring about change in our families, in our communities and in our country. We wanted to use Human Rights Day as a call for reflection on our country's progress and its failures, and to envision the South Africa we want to build for the future. In our celebration, TJD hosted an activation that involved The Justice Desk's staff, volunteers and Mbokodo girls who encouraged passers by to reflect and write down how they can be a part of building a better society on a piece of paper that was then added to the South African flag - ultimately symbolizing how we will build the South Africa we want to see! The day was filled with performances from our Mbokodo girls, demonstrations as well as knowledge sharing to the public.

We believe that change starts with the everyday person and in order to build the dream of a safer, more equal and just South Africa, it starts with the simple act of thinking about ways to change it. We wanted to encourage the public to strive, not just on Human Rights Day, but every day to promote justice and build the change that we want to see in South Africa, just as we do daily at The Justice Desk!





As part of our core belief that no one should be left behind, we place a lot of importance on community connections, as well as working alongside partner organisations in order to reach even more people than ever before!

This year alone Cipla donated 2000 masks and sanitizers to our ECD and Justice schools; the Kolisi Foundation alongside Boxer Superstores provided 400 food relief packages as well as 100+ 'Power to You' packs alongside Exact for our project Heroes; Total Energies donated 1400 items which included lip balms, T-shirts, string bags, flags, pens and beanies; Nutrific donated over 100 boxes of breakfast bars to our communities and adidas gifted 100 presents to our project Heroes for Mandela Day; Foilworx donated 60 colouring books and sanitizers for Mandela Day; Sexy Socks donated 260 pairs of socks; SafePads South Africa donated 100 reusable sanitary pads to our Mbokodo Club; Stephen Bloch donated books and games to our ECD schools; Jeremy Simons donated a box full of stationery as part of our stationery drive; Sheer Mobility donated various disability aids such as a wheelchair, crutches and a shower chair to Umoya; and LG provided 100 blankets for our Umoya residents to ensure that they were kept comfortable during the winter months.

Thank you to all those who made a donation to TJD this year! We are so thankful to have you as part of our TJD family.

"The ability to positively impact the communities we care deeply about truly makes the process worthwhile." - Malcom Gertse, CED trainer

## COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT







## OBSTACLE COURSE

This year, we had an obstacle course built specifically for our Ntsika yeThemba Project. With the aim of upgrading the facilities at the Christian Brother's Centre, where we run the project, we received an incredible donation from our partners, the Kolisi Foundation and adidas of R51,600!

The obstacle course has become a key component of the outdoor-education program on which our project is based. Through outdoor activities, our Ntsika boys are learning to stand against toxic masculinity, and build positive expressions of masculinity. The importance of the obstacle course solidifies teamwork, resilience, and is being used to educate and equip our Ntsika boys to solve problems as they learn how to maneuver up, over, or through the course. Additionally, they have learnt how to adapt to changing conditions and memorize the fastest way to navigate these obstacles. As individuals and as a team, they will grow from these skills.

*"After each obstacle, they emerged exhausted but exhilarated, with skinned knees and a better understanding of each other."*

*- Sicelo Mangxola, Ntsika Coordinator*





## The Justice Desk's Women of Edmund event

Women make up the backbone of our society, running businesses and the caring sectors, raising children, protecting their communities as well as inspiring us all to be better citizens. In every instance when we seek to create change, it is our women who are at the core of it all, leading the way for others to follow. Therefore, in honour of Women's Month in August, we chose to celebrate and acknowledge all of the amazing women from the Edmund Rice Network who have inspired us and paved the way for continuous social change.

Throughout his life, Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice inspired countless individuals to promote education, challenge injustice, and provide opportunities for children to succeed. Adaptability, resilience, courage, empathy, and a deep understanding and love for all people were the leadership qualities Blessed Edmund Rice had in order to succeed in his goal. These characteristics are also exactly what all the strong women of Edmund hold and have shown. It is with these qualities that they continue to carry on the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice and as women of Edmund, they are creating the change the world needs to see.

To celebrate and show appreciation for the many amazing women involved in the Edmund Rice Network, The Justice Desk organised a 'Women of Edmund' event. The luncheon event brought together members of our Board and community leaders as well as staff from CBC St John's and the Green Point Community. We came together to celebrate the power of women-led initiatives, recognize the influence of powerful women leaders and join as a united powerful force of incredible changemakers.

"Two feet on the path of justice, meant many feet on the path to freedom. One person moved many hands, and the many hands continue the work. The good seed will grow. Look how it's grown" - A poem by Kayla Brittan, COO.





# 16 VOICES IN 16 DAYS CAMPAIGN

The Justice Desk launched a campaign as part of 16 Days of Activism, which featured "16 voices for 16 Days". As an organisation that focuses on "Promoting the Power of Everyday Activists", TJD believes in the power of ordinary people to effect impactful and lasting change in their communities.

'16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence' is an annual international campaign that starts on the 25th of November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until the 10th of December, Human Rights Day. The Campaign featured and amplified the thoughts, reflections, voices and suggestions of incredible individuals on our website [www.justicedesk.org](http://www.justicedesk.org) and through their various social media platforms throughout 16 Days of Activism. During this period, the 16 chosen voices took on their role of thought-leaders in the GBV space, ultimately discussing the ongoing gender-based violence crisis our country is facing, how action must be taken, how activism can be used as a tool for change, as well as other suggestions for how we can successfully combat gender-based violence in our lifetime.

"Challenging gender-based violence is a collective fight. There are so many incredible people who have a voice and a way forward and we must listen. We can no longer work in silos, but must be encouraged to share our ideas, passions and plans of action." says Jessica Dewhurst, the CEO of The Justice Desk.

Through this campaign, The Justice Desk not only sought to raise awareness of our GBV crisis but also hoped to bring people together, inspiring one another to recognise the incredible power that South Africans have when we come together for change. By amplifying these 16 remarkable leaders, TJD inspired others in contributing their own thoughts and voices, uniting in solidarity and raising awareness to the important fight against gender-based violence. It is not the job of just some of us to end gender-based violence, it is the job of all of us - and we cannot be successful unless we all play our part, not just during these 16 Days of Activism, but 365-days a year!





The 16 voices were made up of representatives from NPO organisations and foundations such as the Kolisi Foundation, The Survivors Haven Foundation, SA Harvest, The Embrace Project, Women Lead Movement, The Uyinene Foundation and Girls against Oppression. The voices of well-known celebrities such as Zolani Mahola, and TJD's Goodwill Ambassadors Marco Spaumer and Craig Lucas were also featured, as well as notable business leader Pumela Salela. A variety of community activists from The Justice Desk projects such as girl survivors of rape and young boys actively fighting against GBV were also featured.

The Justice Desk and our "16 Voices in 16 Days Campaign" raised vital awareness towards combating gender-based violence, but most importantly, inspired others to know that they too can be a part of the change.



Our CEO and Founder Jessica Dewhurst was interviewed on eNCA about our 16 Days Of Activism Campaign '16 voices in 16 Days!







# PRESTIGE AWARDS

**THE JUSTICE DESK  
HUMAN RIGHTS NGO OF THE YEAR  
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# THE JUSTICE DESK HAS RECEIVED AWARDS FROM OR BEEN RECOGNISED BY THE FOLLOWING:





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 2021 a successful and impactful year!



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The Justice Desk continues to thrive because of the incredible support from our funders. Thank you to our funders who believe in and invest in TJD and our mission!



*Christian Brothers*



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## SUPPORT US

## Donate

To do our work, we rely on the amazing donations of both individuals and companies who believe in us, and our mission to create a more just and equal world. Please consider making a donation or becoming a funding partner by visiting our website or contacting us to donate!

## Partner with us

If you are a company, individual, school or organisation that would like to partner with us, kindly contact us by emailing [info@justicedesk.org](mailto:info@justicedesk.org).

## Volunteer/Intern

We are always on the lookout for interns and volunteers to help us reach more people. If you are someone that wants to help us create change, please get involved! Visit [justicedesk.org](http://justicedesk.org) to apply.





# JOIN THE JUSTICE CLUB

Every day, as a society, we vote for what we believe in through our actions, words and choices. We, as The Justice Desk, are asking you to consider us within your everyday choices. Your vote will ensure that our project heroes can continue to thrive to the best of their abilities all because you believed in them!

The Justice Club is a group of incredible people who sign up as monthly donors. Each quarter, our monthly donors receive packages that include gifts, letters, and updates from people involved in our projects. This is the BEST way to support us!

We make choices each day that define us, let this be one of your defining moments.

## THE THREE BENEFITS OF JOINING THE JUSTICE CLUB:

1. **Creating long-term change.**
2. **Exclusive benefits at Justice Desk events.**
3. **Personalised reminders of the support you have given.**

Details of the project their donation is going towards.

Letter from the CEO, updating them on our latest achievements.



A photo of the child that wrote their letter.

A bracelet gift!

A hand written thank you letter from a child in one of our projects!

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The Edmund Rice Justice Desk

Account Number: 1151755834

Bank: Nedbank Limited

Branch Name: Constantia, Cape Town

Branch Code: 101109 or 198765 (generic code)

Type of Account: Cheque Account

Reference:[Donation, Name]

Email: info@justicedesk.org



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"This project is a great way to support and empower gender-based violence survivors, and girls from communities where they would not usually be able to receive resources like counselling and immediate social service assistance. These girls have access to everything at the project, instead of being put on a long waiting list as most kids are"

- Department of Social Development Social Worker

"We highly recommend the Justice Desk for their dedication to us and the great work the organization has done for us."

-Community Partner, Khayelitsha

"They were not only looking to be visible in the naked eye but for them it was important to make a lasting impression and ensuring that the community is transformed in ways beyond measure because of their program. They were not scared to implement and translate their vision and mission in this vulnerable area that is known for negative things, instead they embraced the fact that there are people staying here. I would support any other engagement that they would be focusing on knowing that it will be for the benefit of the community."

-Community Partner, Nyanga

"The Justice Desk is an integral part of Bonteheuwel, we cannot imagine our community without them being part of our fabric. They showed us the true meaning of partnership and if they can do this for us, we know that they will do it for so many other communities."

-Community Partner, Bonteheuwel

"By witnessing the transformations that happen at The Justice Desk, it reminded me of what the late Mr. Nelson Mandela once said, that he wished that he could take all the children and place them in his pocket, in order to keep them safe. My thoughts are, I wish that I could take all the girls in my community who are exposed to violence, drugs and gangsterism on a daily basis, put them in my pocket and take them to The Justice Desk for The Mbokodo Club sessions."

-Community Partner, Bonteheuwel

"The work done by The Justice Desk to find solutions, amongst others, to challenge GBV in this country and the work done by SA Harvest to fight for the right of every South African to have enough nutritious food on a daily basis, are making a palpable difference in the fight for justice for all, and especially women in South Africa."

- Alan Browde, CEO & Founder SA Harvest



**REMEMBER,  
EVERYDAY ACTIVISM  
STARTS WITH  
YOU.**







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