



2018 Highlights you should know about!

# • The Justice Desk

A Human Rights NPO

"It always seems impossible until it is done"

Nelson Mandela

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2018 has been a phenomenal year for The Justice Desk. A mass influx of brilliant interns; marches led by children; far-reaching community trainings; and young change-makers stepping up to challenge injustice are just a few of the highlights from the year.

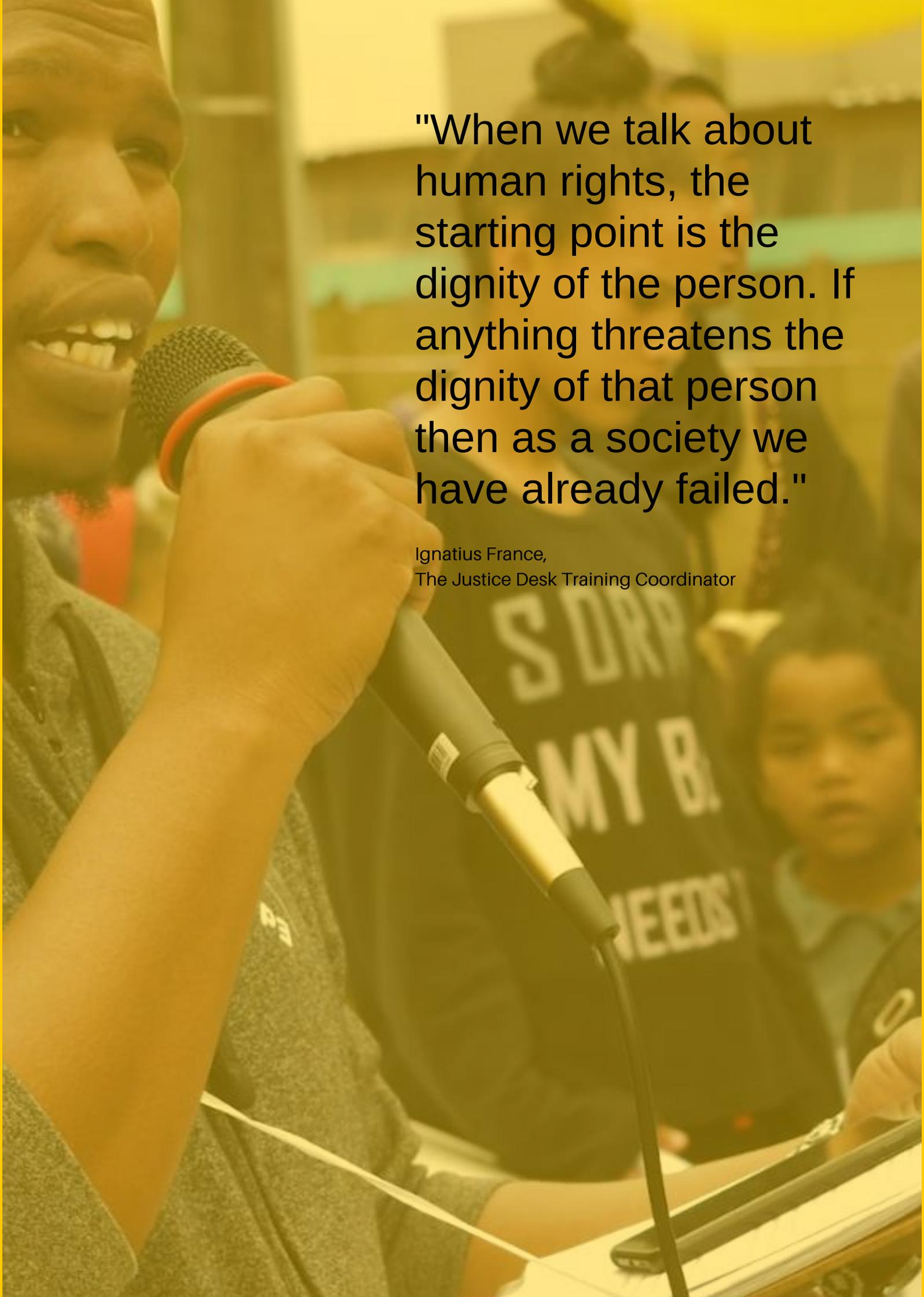
The Justice Desk Team are incredibly grateful for another amazing year of growth, challenges and positive change. Take a look back at some of the wonderful moments, achievements and partnerships made and the steps taken towards creating a just society!

# 2018 Highlights

## recap

- 01 Hundreds of children attend Zambian Youth Ambassador's Conference
- 02 Bonteheuwel Children's March against Youth Violence a success!
- 03 TJD & Pink Divas challenge sanitary stigma in Nyanga
- 04 The Justice Desk ran several immersion experiences in 2018
- 05 We piloted a 10 session course on everyday activism at St Joseph's Marist College.
- 06 Assisi Human Rights Training 2018 where students were trained from 10 schools across the country.
- 07 The Justice Desk and partners in Bonteheuwel attend regular SAPS meetings to plan for long-term change in the community.
- 08 CBC St Patrick's Youth Ambassadors teaching their school about human rights.
- 09 Multiple children's rights workshops run in Nyanga to prevent human trafficking.
- 10 Our training coordinator Ignatius France attended the Human Rights UN Training in Geneva, Switzerland.
- 11 Our Executive Director, Jessica Dewhurst was invited to give the Second Annual Brother Cornelia Lecture at IONA College New York.
- 12 The Justice Desk hosted a fundraiser and fun day for vulnerable children in our projects at The Waterfront!



A man with a beard and short hair is speaking into a microphone. He is wearing a grey polo shirt. The background is blurred, showing a group of people, including a woman in a black t-shirt with white text that reads "SUNNY MY B NEEDS". The entire image has a warm, yellowish tint.

"When we talk about human rights, the starting point is the dignity of the person. If anything threatens the dignity of that person then as a society we have already failed."

Ignatius France,  
The Justice Desk Training Coordinator



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# UNITES FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

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2018 Month of the Child March

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On the 30th of June The Justice Desk led a march through the streets of Bonteheuwel, alongside children and community leaders, to protest against violence in the community and hand over a memorandum demanding that a police station be built and necessary safety procedures be implemented. The memorandum was accepted and we are in regular negotiations to hold the police department and stakeholders accountable. Change needs to happen, and we need to continue to unite for children's rights! Thank you to our amazing community partners who made this march such a wonderful success!



# CHILDREN'S RIGHTS WORKSHOPS

In 2018, The Justice Desk ran a series of Children's Rights workshops in the township of Nyanga as a result of requests from community members. The workshops were adapted for children, teachers, parents and community members; in order to equip them with practical knowledge, skills and resources to protect children's rights! Over 150 community members are now working together to build a safer community for their children.

CHILDREN ARE NOT JUST OUR FUTURE,  
THEY ARE OUR PRESENT!

# MONTH OF THE CHILD LAUNCH

On the 1st of June 2018, over 800 children under the age of 6 marched in the township of Gugulethu to promote Children's Rights and challenge child abuse. This march was a culmination of various trainings and workshops of The Justice Desk and the Ubumbano ECD Forum, our key community partners. The local police, fire department and various ECD's joined the movement. The march was a wonderful success, encouraging various adults in the community to join our trainings and become child rights activists.



**AT THE JUSTICE DESK, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO  
START THINKING LIKE AN EVERYDAY ACTIVIST!**

# THE JUSTICE DESK'S VIDEOS

## ➔ The Justice Desk - Promoting the Power of Everyday Activists



We are influencing the policies of countries and mobilising thousands of people to be everyday activists. Human traffickers are being caught, corporal punishment is being abolished and police stations are being built. Relationships with the people we work with and their representatives are stronger than ever. People are being equipped to recognise that 'yes, I can lead my own change' – and its working!



# THE JUSTICE DESK: STORIES OF CHANGE

*Zambian Youth Ambassadors conference 2018*

The Justice Desk had the absolute pleasure of filming our Youth Ambassadors, Advocacy Teachers and students in Zambia during their Youth Ambassador Conference held at St Edmund's School in Mazabuka, Zambia.

The growth and impact happening within our partner schools is inspiring and proves that, whilst justice work is hard, it can bring about seriously impactful changes that can span across generations.

Visit our YouTube channel to see the film and feel inspired to act!



**Visit our YouTube Channel: The Justice Desk**

## ➔ Children's Rights



The Month of the Child is a four week campaign that is run by The Justice Desk for the month of June each year. Each week of the month focuses on a major issue or concern identified by children as things they face on a daily basis.

Join us as we unite for children's rights! Go to [www.justicedesk.org](http://www.justicedesk.org) for more.

## ➔ The Right to Education



Our amazing Youth Ambassadors from St Edmund's Secondary School in Mazabuka, Zambia were asked to explain why they felt the right to education was important. See their response on our YouTube Channel!



# 2018: Powerful Women Series

The month of August is Women's Month in South Africa. The Justice Desk released a series of portraits and quotes from powerful women in our projects. They spoke about the power of women and their ability to change our world!

Read their quotes below.



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1 "You realise the strength of women when you are focused and when you are grounded in your values and principles. I believe strongly in womxn empowerment and know, for a fact, that we are change-makers." Theodora Lutuli

2 "As womxn we see injustice, we experience injustice but most importantly we get up again and again and we challenge injustice. The Justice Desk was started by a womxn, it is run alongside womxn and amongst the many we encounter, those who show the most passion and desire for positive change are womxn." Kayla Brittan

3 "The women, we are the backbone. We are the ones at the forefront. We are the ones fighting for peace, for justice! If you see rapes or murders happening, of little children, who is standing in front of courthouses protesting? It is the women. We are powerful. We are the weapons." Faldielah Haupt

4 "Women force good things to happen. Whatever dream a woman has, she will see that it succeeds." Sylvia Hobe

5 "Women can change this world because women are blessed with compassionate hearts and by the compassionate hearts of mothers. If we calculate the years amongst our mothers, there is lots of wisdom, lots of pain, but we focus on the wisdom. We are advocating for peace at a very extensive rate because I believe peace is coming." Soraya Salie

6 "Our daughters look up to us, our sons look up to us. We are the people that have to show our daughters that you do not wait for a prince on a white horse, get educated! Being an activist in my own small way, I hope women or young girls will see what is being done and do what we do!" Nicolene Manuel

7 "Women are strong. Women have always been strong, fierce, and beautiful, but the difference is now women are embracing their strengths and even encouraging others to use their strengths. That's beautiful." Hlonelwa Lutuli

8 "I am a product of District 6. Women are powerful for me, I am powerful! For me the importance of women is to teach our girl children that we have dignity and that we must look at this dignity with pride and always hold our heads up high. That is the way I portray myself. We have to teach our men, our boy child to respect women and to have a love for women and the girl children and fight for them with everything they have got. Like, we as women would fight for our men and boy children to protect them." Patricia Patsy Benjamin

9 "Why are women powerful? Endurance. Women are capable of enduring immense hardship, and coming out of those situations wiser, stronger, and kinder. One of my favourite sayings is "You strike a woman, you strike a rock". Bontle Mafojane

# TAMPON TAX



The Justice Desk promoted the need to challenge Tampon Tax and make sanitary items tax free and accessible for women and girls in poverty-stricken areas. In partnership with Ubumbano and The Pink Divas, we ran various advocacy and community initiatives to ensure that sanitary items were made accessible in vulnerable areas and that young girls received information on menstrual care.

**\*A visual representation of the statistics showing the number of girls that would miss school because they did not have access to sanitary items.**

# TAMPON TAX



Our Youth Ambassadors led their fellow students from CBC St Thomas Aquinas in Boksburg, Johannesburg, in working tirelessly to challenge menstrual taboo, tampon tax and the prevailing unequal treatment between men and women. They took a stand against tampon tax as an all-boy school to show support for all of the women in their lives and communities! They began a petition to abolish tampon tax, and organised various awareness raising events in their community. They have made a name for themselves as hardworking feminists, taking a stand against inequality, and inspiring countless other men to join their movement!



# THE MBOKODO CLUB

*In 2018, The Justice Desk launched The Mbokodo Club. This project offers self-defense and female empowerment classes to girls in vulnerable communities. Self-defense & self-care are promoted, equipping young girls to be able to defend themselves & live empowered lives!*



The #MbokodoClubProject focuses on offering female empowerment workshops & self-defense classes to some of the most vulnerable girls from the township of Nyanga. 40 girls from the township have begun the program and many more are interested in joining the next round.

Rape, murder, gender based violence, HIV/AIDS and human trafficking are just a few of the challenges our girls face.

But together we will stand and say enough is enough!

We are all about standing up for equal rights, self-love & being the change in our communities!

Support us by donating, volunteering or spreading the world!

#SpeakYourself



# 30 RIGHTS IN 30 DAYS

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Various schools across the world participated in our 30 Rights in 30 Days campaign to help their schools and communities to learn more about their fundamental human rights. This successful campaign ran in schools across South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe, the UK, Ireland, Kenya, and Sierra Leone; reaching thousands of students, teachers, parents and community members.

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**#30RIGHTSIN30DAYS**



6375  
people  
trained  
in  
2018!

*The Justice Desk's*

# RUNNING FOR RIGHTS

*In 2018 we launched our Running for Rights initiative where runners took part in various races in order to raise awareness about injustice and our work at The Justice Desk! Runners from across the globe took part in various races, raising thousands of Rands, and much needed attention to justice issues across the globe.*



# RUNNING FOR RIGHTS





JOIN THE MOVEMENT

# CYCLE FOR JUSTICE



**Daive Andreone, Zoe Baker and Italian cyclist Fabian Mairhofer embarked on an exciting 800km journey from Alexandra Bay to Cape Town. They started on the 3rd of September and finished on the 13th of September at The V & A Waterfront. During the ten-day period, they promoted the work of and raised funds for The Justice Desk. They are amateur cyclists that proved that with strong will and determination, it is possible for everyone to make a difference using their individual strengths.**

**For every R10 donated they cycled 1km of their route. Their goal was to raise a minimum of R8000 for The Justice Desk and to raise awareness about the injustice faced by men, women and children every day in South Africa! They managed to raise a total of R16 000!**

**If you would like to join these cyclists in future races, do your own, or simply find out more about how you can support this movement, visit the Cycle for Justice Facebook page or contact [info@justicedesk.org](mailto:info@justicedesk.org)**

**CYCLE  
FOR  
JUSTICE**



# "THE JUSTICE DESK TAUGHT ME TO BE A GOOD VOICE FOR JUSTICE"

*"We as students can act as advocates in this fight against injustice. We've been teaching our fellow pupils about the importance of human rights. In previous years we had corporal punishment in our school, but since we started our campaign, corporal punishment has been reduced; in the sense that when they are about to be punished they know that they have the right to freedom from torture, hence they report to the relevant authorities"*

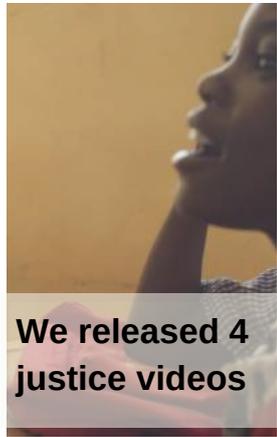
*Robert Muchinga, Zambian Youth Ambassador, 2018*



**30,000 people directly impacted since 2013**



**We are active in +25 schools**



**We released 4 justice videos**



**90,000 people indirectly impacted since 2013**



**Completed 30 talks at various events and conferences**



**10,816 direct beneficiaries in 2018**



**Reached over 1 million people through radio/tv interviews**



**7,222 children directly impacted in 2018**



**17 projects run across 3 countries**



**Opened a safe house for vulnerable women & children**

# *Thank you!*

A huge thank you to our funders,  
community partners, volunteers,  
interns, staff and heroes!

We had an incredible 2018 and  
are looking forward to all we can  
achieve in 2019!

