



The Justice Desk
A Human Rights NPO

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The Justice Desk

A Human Rights NPO

WHO ARE WE?

The Justice Desk is an award-winning Human Rights Organisation that operates across Africa.
We were established in 2013, with the main goal of
Promoting the Power of Everyday Activists.

We do this by empowering, training, equipping and supporting everyday people to be able to
challenge human rights violations and fight for the rights of all people!

We work primarily in vulnerable communities, empowering and equipping local people with
the necessary skills and platforms to lead their own change.

We do this through training and education, national and international lobbying as well as
community-led and community-based initiatives.

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 four 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.

Holistic

At TJD, we use a Human Rights-Based approach, while integrating impact-driven research and advocacy, with training, education and community empowerment initiatives.

OUR IMPACT

**620,000+
EVERYDAY
ACTIVISTS**

We have trained & equipped 620,000+ people to become everyday activists who are actively leading change in their communities

**2 MILLION +
PEOPLE**

We have impacted the lives of over 2 million people since 2013

**50+
ADVOCACY &
EDUCATION
MATERIALS**

We have released 50+ advocacy videos & educational materials that have educated people across the globe on their fundamental rights

**800+
YOUNG
BOYS**
POWER
TO END GBV

800+ young boys at risk of joining gangs & without father figures have been mentored by positive male role models & trained to be human rights champions in the iNtsika yeThemba Project
TO END GBV

**3000+
YOUNG
GIRLS**
TO END GBV

Over 3000 young girl survivors of rape & GBV have received mental health support, human rights training & self-defence classes through The Mbokodo Project
TO END GBV

2022 is a year that has continued to bring challenges, both domestically and internationally. Wars in Europe and Ethiopia have taken thousands of lives and brought heartache and uncertainty to millions more. Although the Covid-19 pandemic has fallen from the headlines, it has done tremendous damage. Huge numbers of people have fallen out of the bottom of the economy, and are more desperate than ever. We can see this in the communities that we work in and across the globe.

Having to continuously react and adapt and rise to new challenges has tested all of us, and The Justice Desk is no exception. However, we can rightfully be proud of the amazing work we've done over the last year, and our ability to rise to the occasion and keep responding.

The Justice Desk has been recognized on two separate occasions this year: First, by receiving The Laureus Sport for Peace Recognition Award, and second at The Prestige Awards as the South African Human Rights Organisation of the Year for 2022/2023. These prestigious awards reflect the hard work of our staff, interns and volunteers, and we couldn't be prouder of them and their work.

Beyond gathering plaudits, it's become increasingly clear to me how much our work matters. We're empowering young people to not just take charge of their lives but to become active citizens. With the skills and confidence they're learning in the Mbokodo and iNtsika yeThemba projects, they're becoming leaders who are making real changes in their communities. We really are creating everyday activists, reaching over 2 million people since we started and this is truly important.

LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



Looking forward, it's necessary to plan consciously and work hard to put The Justice Desk on a stronger, even more sustainable footing. In 2023 we will be redoubling our fundraising efforts, and working to generate our own revenue, so that The Justice Desk can continue to do its amazing work, and support its staff in the ways that they deserve. We are actively working to explore new ways of raising revenue, and supporting our CEO, Jessica, as she leads The Justice Desk forward to a new, higher level of sustained progress.

As ever, our donor's generosity is key to the work we do. The Christian Brothers, our foremost and oldest donor, has stood by our side and continues to support us, not just financially but with unflagging advice and encouragement. Our largest donors, Edmund Rice Development, Misen Cara, Edmund Rice Foundation Australia and Australian Aid continue to make massive efforts to support TJD in our mission to ensure gender justice and the realisation of human rights becoming a reality in our lifetime. The South African government has supported us through their GBVF Response fund and The Kolisi Foundation has remained a fierce partner in our anti-GBV work. Our corporate donors, including the V&A Waterfront and Godrej have shown that businesses can really recognise the value of TJD as a social investment, and we were also so happy to welcome The Laureus Sport for Good Foundation this year to the TJD family. Last, but not least, our international partners, in the form of the Korean Embassy and the New Zealand High Commission have been doing their nations proud with their eager and generous support.

To everyone who makes our work possible, thank you!

Yours in Justice,

Mayibuye Magwaza
Chairperson



LETTER FROM OUR CEO AND FOUNDER

What a momentous year 2022 has been for The Justice Desk! We saw growth and change and challenges and through it all, we continued to stay true to our mission, and empower countless lives in the fight for human rights and justice across Africa. We started the year with a move into a much bigger premises in Green Point, and quickly set about making our new home a welcoming space for all who visited. We've hosted events and sessions, and welcomed everyone from our project kids to the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea.

2022 was also the year that saw The Justice Desk expand our Youth Ambassadors Project to additional countries in West Africa, namely Sierra Leone, the Gambia, Ghana and Liberia. We welcome all our phenomenal partners, heroes, Youth Ambassadors and community leaders in these countries to our Justice Desk family!

In order to make this happen, members of our team traveled across all four countries leading mass trainings in children's rights and safeguarding, anti-trafficking and human rights. As the ERN African Province Advocacy Director, the trip also served as an opportunity to spend time in our schools, meet with the West Africa Mission and Advocacy teams, as well as discuss various ways that we could further support the Network across Africa. We look forward to supporting all those involved in running the Youth Ambassadors Project, where we hope to not only build the leaders of tomorrow, but the leaders of today.

A priority for TJD this year was to make our projects more accessible to people with disabilities, which included having sign-language interpreters at conferences and, thank to His Excellency Ambassador Chull-joo Park, the Korean government and Hyundai, we now have a special disability vehicle capable of fitting two wheelchairs. This will ensure that no one in our projects gets left behind, regardless of their disability. We will continue to build on this for 2023, to ensure that TJD projects are truly accessible. We have a long way to go, but we are determined to make this happen.



Another important connection was the one made with the Hope to the Future Association (HFA), an international NGO under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Korea. Through this partnership, 10 young girls from our Mbokodo Project were given the chance to visit South Korea on a human rights exchange program in December of 2022. This exciting opportunity coincided with an invitation for myself and 10 of our Mbokodo Girls to attend and speak at the 18th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates. Seeing our girls present the important work done in the Mbokodo Project for gender-equality to over 20 Nobel Laureates was a hugely emotional and full-circle moment, as I reflected on where our girls started with TJD to where they are now. I can truly and confidently say that the children and young adults in our projects are proving through their actions and achievements that our work is making a true impact in Africa – and for that I couldn't be prouder of them and our team who give so much of themselves to make TJD a reality.

Of course none of these incredible feats would have been possible without the effort and support of some truly incredible people. From our heroes, stakeholders, donors and funders, to our community members, board, volunteers and employees – the time, effort and passion you've put into serving The Justice Desk and the work we do can never be understated. As we head into our 10th year as an organisation, having now impacted the lives of over 2 million people, I remain proud to be a part of such a phenomenal organisation that will continue to fight for the human rights of every single person. We hope you'll join us.

Yours in Justice,

Jessica Dewhurst

CEO



IMPACT STORIES

Our impact stories showcase the effect and impact of the work we do at The Justice Desk. Below are two such success stories that provide insight into just how influential our projects can be.

The Boy Who Stood Up

During a social gathering in one of the communities, a man started to get quite aggressive and physical with a woman.

The adults for the most part either ignored it or just sat back as it happened. However, a 16 year-old boy from our iNtsika yeThemba Project stood up and said, "No, violence is not how we handle this!" The community as a whole then stood up and got involved, threatening to hurt and punish the man.

Once again the iNtsika boy stepped in and began to explain that what they were doing was not helping. That responding to violence with more violence just makes things worse and doesn't solve anything. The community was so taken aback by his bravery and his clear cut way of explaining, that they stopped.

Everyone stepped back and apologised to all involved, and both the woman and man went home safely. The community that day recognised that the young boy was right, his way of preaching kindness and understanding managed to get through to them. The iNtsika boy that day became an Everyday Activist, empowered by all he had learnt through The Justice Desk.



The Girl Who Found Her Voice

When "N" first started at the Mbokodo Project, no one had really heard her voice. Even after multiple sessions, she would always be quietly sitting in the corner and listening. One day, as project facilitators were running a discussion, "N" stood up in the middle of the group. She stood there silently for probably two to three minutes, as the other girls started to encourage her. No one knew why she stood up or what was coming, just that she clearly felt safe in the moment. And so everyone waited.

Thanks to their time in the project, all of the girls had let go of any judgment that they'd held onto before. The Mbokodo Project sessions had helped them to overcome it and discover the need to be supportive and kind to each other.

Then "N" opened her mouth and started to speak. She spoke about her survival story. She spoke about how long it took her to realise that what had happened was not okay and not her fault. She also spoke about how she was now able to speak out and tell her parents what had happened, which resulted in her parents going to her school, and having the perpetrator removed.

She shared her story with such conviction, that her courage inspired and encouraged other girls to come forward. "N" went from being the quiet girl in the corner to standing on stage at the V&A Waterfront, delivering a poem to a crowd of strangers. She had found the voice that was always there, but that she'd maybe felt wasn't heard or listened to before. She found a space and an opportunity to continue to grow.

She also went on to make sure her Mbokodo sisters weren't left behind, that anyone who entered the project, but who wasn't ready to use their voice yet, was listened to and supported. She wanted to be that example for change. "N" proved that Mbokodo girls come in very different packages and that you don't have to be the loudest voice to make a difference. Sometimes the person who says the least, can be the most powerful.



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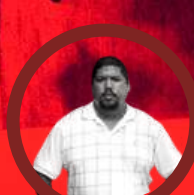
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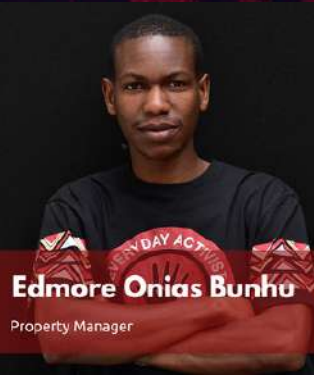
'Pabi' Chantel Mbedzi

INTSika yeThemba Project Coordinator



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INTSika yeThemba Junior Project Manager



Edmore Onias Bunhu

Property Manager



Mieke de Wet

Design & Social Media Coordinator

THE JUSTICE DESK INTERNS

Every year The Justice Desk welcomes interns from across the globe who wish to get hands on experience working in the field of human rights and community work.

In 2022 we hosted 26 amazing interns from 10 different countries who worked alongside us and helped The Justice Desk to accomplish amazing things. A very big THANK YOU to every intern who contributed to the work of The Justice Desk this year, we hope to see you again soon!

If you'd like to intern with The Justice Desk and become an everyday activist, then please send us a mail at info@justicedesk.org

South Africa

Azile Tshinyama

Lize Myburgh

Zoe Meiring

Igran Ali

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United Kingdom

Frederick Pembroke

Zoe Steele

Rose Wood

Daisy Drake

Netherlands

Erin Dix

Austria

Lea Falkner

France

Charlene Veloope

VOLUNTEERS

At The Justice Desk, we continually seek to provide our heroes with all the necessary support they need, but we obviously can't be everywhere, all the time. Therefore we rely on our dedicated team of volunteers, to help us provide everything our heroes need. To ensure they have all the necessary knowledge and skills, we hold regular trainings, so they're equipped to handle every situation in a capable and supportive manner. Some of the trainings we offered to volunteers this year included: Understanding Trauma and Triggers, Facilitating Triggering Conversations, Responding to a Child, Addressing Behaviour Challenges and other topics.

Over the course of our trainings we've seen remarkable improvement in not only our volunteers' abilities within sessions, but also their confidence in helping to apply their learned knowledge. The importance of their influence on the children in our projects cannot be understated, and so these skills and knowledge are vital to the running of sessions and improving the lives of our heroes.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who have given their time and energy towards making all our projects such a success. We love having you as a part of The Justice Desk Family.



LETTER FROM THE CDO



This year we have been fortunate enough to work with a dedicated group of core funders who believe in and support the work that we are doing. We are entering into 2023 with a more diversified funding portfolio and a strong support structure from foundations, companies, international governments and longstanding donors.

The Justice Desk has had an impact-driven year with projects growing to meet the needs of the communities we work alongside. It has been a journey, one that would not have been possible without the funding we received! Every single person, company and foundation who supported us in 2022, we are extending a heartfelt thank you to you, from all of us at The Justice Desk. Never underestimate the role that you are playing in changing this world!

“If The Justice Desk gets the funding it actually needs, it could change the world. It is going to change the world; I'm going to promise you that much because I'm going to change the world.”

- MBOKODO HERO

Next year is shaping up to be our biggest year yet! We will be entering into our 10th year of operation and we cannot wait to take you all along with us! We are now an officially registered Public Benefit Organisation (PBO) meaning that we can issue Section 18A certificates, we hold BBBEE Level 1 status and we have incredible and impactful projects that are worth supporting. Join us, donate and help us create a safe, free and equal world!

Yours in Justice,

Kayla Brittan

Chief Donor Officer

The MBOKODO project

By The Justice Desk

A project focused on ending gender-based violence.

Empowers girl survivors of gender-based violence and rape from vulnerable communities.

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

The Justice Desk's Mbokodo 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 psycho-social 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 motto of this project is "Wathint' Abafazi, Wathint' Imbokodo"
(You strike a woman, you strike a rock!)

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

In the past year, we have run 20 wonderful Mbokodo Sessions and 3 Mbokodo Camps. The sessions have covered a wide range of topics that have equipped the Mbokodo girls to become confident leaders and change-makers in their communities. We can now 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.

Last 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.



98 Mbokodo Participants
20 Empowerment Sessions

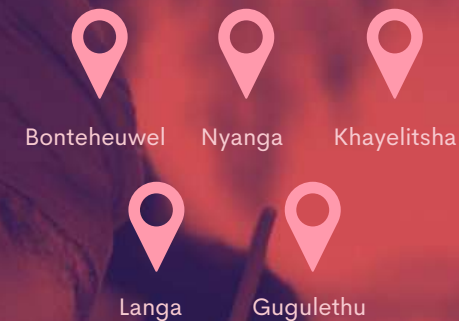
Some of the session themes: Sexual & Reproductive Health, Anti-Bullying, Human Rights Education, Children's Rights, How to Report GBV, How to Access Protection Orders, Confidence-Building, Body Image, Healthy Eating & Nutrition, Anti-GBV, Mental Health, Coping Mechanisms etc.

3 Mbokodo Camps

In-depth leadership & empowerment camps for our level 1, 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





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

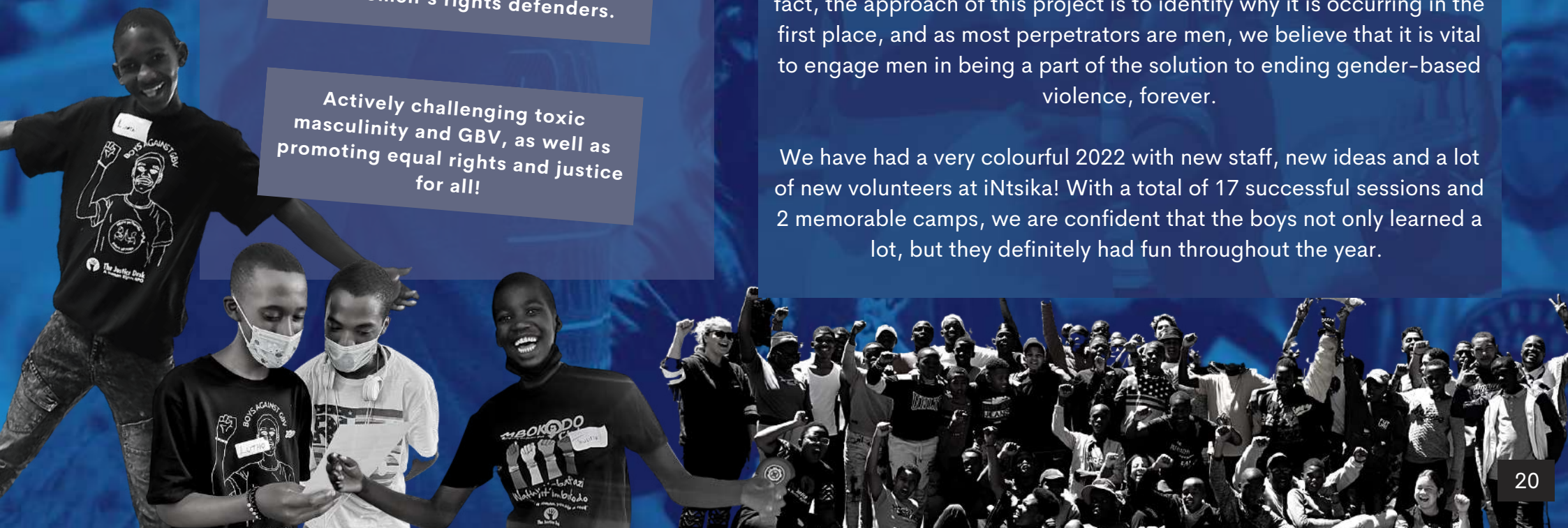
Empowering young boys from vulnerable communities to become pillars of hope, leaders of change and women's rights defenders.

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

iNtsika yeThemba, meaning Pillars of Hope, is a project that aims to end gender-based violence by equipping a generation of positive male role-models, who challenge toxic masculinity and promote equal rights and justice for all. There have been numerous interventions aimed at stemming the tide of gender-based violence, ranging from women-centered initiatives focusing on empowerment, to responsive programmes which strive to assist victims of acts of gender-based violence.

Despite these amazing initiatives, the unrelenting surge of gender-based violence in South Africa suggests that these interventions are struggling to address the root causes of gender-based violence as well as actively prevent gender-based violence from continuing to flourish in our country. Instead of addressing gender-based violence after the fact, the approach of this project is to identify why it is occurring in the first place, and as most perpetrators are men, we believe that it is vital to engage men in being a part of the solution to ending gender-based violence, forever.

We have had a very colourful 2022 with new staff, new ideas and a lot of new volunteers at iNtsika! With a total of 17 successful sessions and 2 memorable camps, we are confident that the boys not only learned a lot, but they definitely had fun throughout the year.



Empowerment Workshops: In 2022, we had 12 empowerment sessions. These sessions were rich in content that covered topics that ranged from consent, "What to do when I am angry", to conversations surrounding racism. We made sure to make the content very engaging in efforts not to recreate a school-like feel. It is in these sessions that the boys also had the opportunity to have their counseling sessions.

Mental Health Support: We have noticed that the boys have a changed attitude towards counseling. In the beginning of the year a lot of sessions were quite brief, lasting no longer than 5 minutes. However, now sessions are longer and more meaningful, lasting even up to an hour for just one boy!

Outdoor Education: This year, we have prioritized the outdoor experience in a multi-faceted way. It has not only been about physical activity alone but new adventures and discoveries as well. The 5 outdoor sessions that ranged from being in touch with nature (while having a great workout through hiking), to visiting historical museums such as Robben Island. The outdoor experience is where our boys (and even our volunteers) are exposed to a lot of "first times". We have enjoyed creating memories with every single hero through these sessions.

Camps: We have had two successful camps this year! One of the main purposes of these camps was to allow for the boys to get to know one another in efforts to create a genuine brotherhood. From this, we have been able to come up with an iNtsika Choir, Dance Group as well as the iNtsika statement (what we want an iNtsika boy to embody). Great memories for anyone who has attended these camps will live on forever!



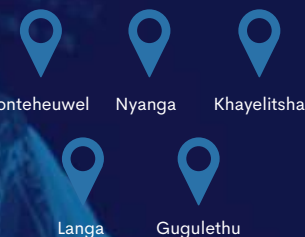
58 Participants

12 Empowerment Sessions

5 Outdoor Education Sessions

2 iNtsika yeThemba Camps

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



5 Communities

The number of communities accessing the project



Staff, Heroes and Volunteers:

In 2022 we welcomed Edward Jacobs and Pabi Mbedzi as Coordinators of the project. We also welcomed a number of new volunteers who are just as passionate about our boys as we are. Our diverse range of volunteers has resulted in a much stronger mentorship program, where our boys feel seen, heard and finally able to find someone they identify with or aspire to be. We are steadily creating a strong foundation of brotherhood in the project, which in turn has resulted in a "home away from home" for many of our boys.

iNtsika Project Campaign

The iNtiksa yeThemba Project ran a Women's Month Campaign during the month of August that aimed to bring awareness to the importance of Women's Day, the problem of gender-based violence and outline how men can help end gender-based violence. The campaign consisted of the following three parts:

Poster

The boys each created a poster, which brought attention to the issue of gender-based violence and then proceeded to put them up anywhere in their communities. E.g. school, church, taxi rank etc.

Anti-gender-based violence video

They created an anti-gender-based violence video, which featured each iNtsika boy, that raised awareness about the role that men can play in ending gender-based violence. This video was posted by each boy on all their social media platforms.

14 challenges for 14 days

Each boy created a list of 14 challenges, which they had to complete over 14 days and then had to report back how these tasks went at the next session.

Examples of the challenges include: (1) Tell two people two human rights, (2) Tell three people about what it means to be an iNtsika boy, (3) Ask two people if they know what the phrase "Wathint' abafazi, wathint' imbokodo" means. Explain it to them if they do not know what it means, and (4) Ask people if they know what contributes to gender-based violence.

If they don't know, tell them.



Equips young people in schools across Africa to become Everyday Activists and Children's Champions.

Building a generation of young changemakers!

A project aimed at defending the rights of children.



The Justice Desk
Youth Ambassadors

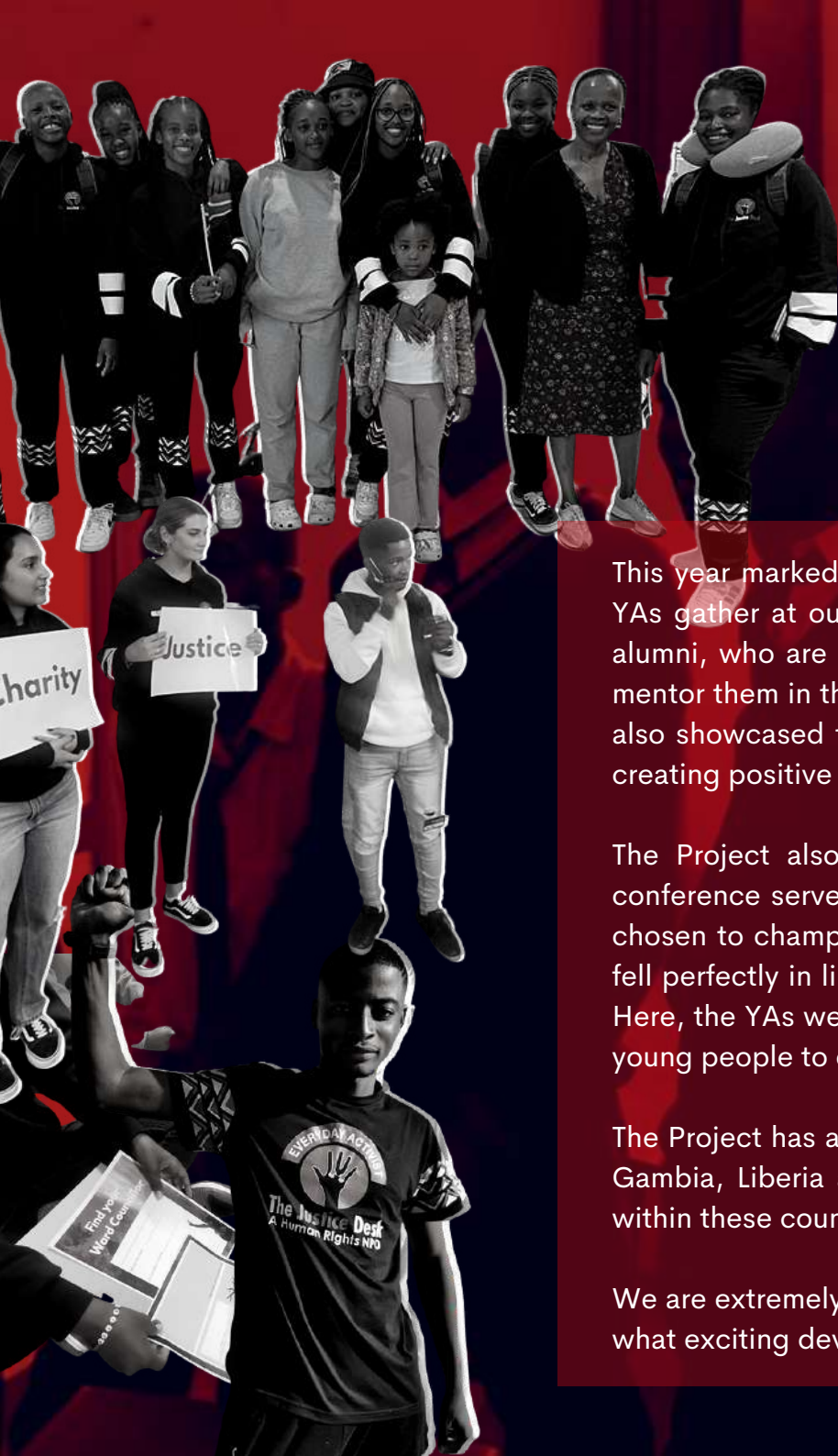
THE YOUTH AMBASSADORS PROJECT

The Justice Desk's Youth Ambassadors (YA) Project continues to build 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.

In 2022, the YA Project has done amazing things. Despite starting the year with COVID-19 restrictions, our Youth Ambassadors continued to shine and showcase their passion for justice, by their continued running of campaigns and fighting for the rights of other children.

Our Youth Ambassadors and Justice schools developed and ran a variety of campaigns, ranging from mental health to accessibility to anti-bullying to gender-based violence and environmental justice. Our YAs have shown immense commitment to their fight for change, and as a result, have run numerous successful campaigns throughout the year.





Zimbabwe South Africa Zambia

Sierra Leone The Gambia Liberia Ghana

80 Youth Ambassadors



This year marked the launch of our very first YA Alumni Conference. This conference saw six previous YAs gather at our office in Cape Town to brainstorm for the growth and future of the project. These alumni, who are now Lead Ambassadors, have aimed to work alongside our current YAs to guide and mentor them in their campaigning and activism journeys. The commitment of our Lead Ambassadors has also showcased the impact that the project has on its participants, and the continued commitment to creating positive change even after graduating from the project.

The Project also hosted a Cape Town Conference in conjunction with the V&A Waterfront. This conference served as an activation for our Activ8, a group of young human rights defenders who have chosen to champion and raise awareness to various issues that affect children in our world today. This fell perfectly in line with the day's theme, The Power of YOUth: Igniting the Passion of Youth to Come. Here, the YAs were taught about the history and importance of youth activism, and what they can do as young people to enact change.

The Project has also successfully launched in four additional West African countries – Sierra Leone, The Gambia, Liberia and Ghana. We are extremely excited to work with the amazing and talented youth within these countries where we hope to spread the message of justice.

We are extremely proud of all the work our YAs have done and achieved in 2022! We cannot wait to see what exciting developments 2023 has in store for us.

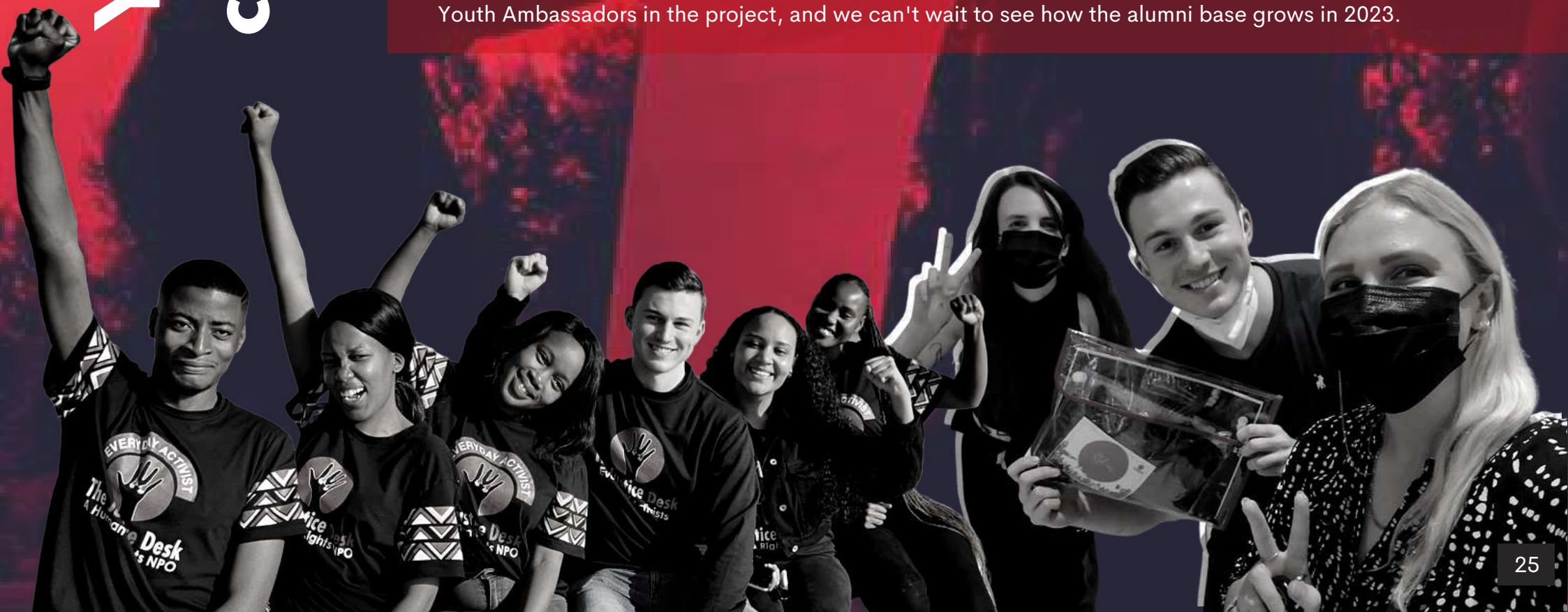
YA Alumni conference

In 2021, we launched our YA Alumni group, which in 2022 renamed themselves as Lead Ambassadors.

These Lead Ambassadors began their journey with The Justice Desk as Youth Ambassadors, working within our Justice Schools to spread the message of activism within their communities. Since finishing school, our lead ambassadors have now gone on to lead their own careers and studies. The group currently consists of 9 alumni, but is ever-expanding as more young people continue to join.

In April, we flew our Lead Ambassadors to Cape Town where we spent 3 days thoroughly evaluating and brainstorming ways to improve our YA Project. It was truly incredible having our former YAs speak about their previous experiences, what worked and what didn't. It was also amazing to catch up with our former YAs and to hear about how they have taken the learnings from our project into their everyday lives.

We are so proud of our Lead Ambassadors for stepping up to mentor and support the current Youth Ambassadors in the project, and we can't wait to see how the alumni base grows in 2023.



Deaf Awareness Campaign

In South Africa, September is Deaf Awareness Month. This month was created with the intention to promote awareness of the rights of Deaf persons in South Africa, which is often something that is overlooked in many parts of the world.

During this month, our Youth Ambassadors from the Dominican School for the Deaf collaborated with the Justice Desk to raise awareness on the deaf community and allow more people to know and understand the struggles faced by the deaf community each and every day. Our YAs worked throughout the month to create posters and videos showcasing the importance of accessibility and deaf culture. Their goal was to reach out to as many young people as possible, so that they could take their first step into learning about the rights of the deaf community. The videos included students sharing with others how to respect the rights of the deaf community, as well as how to support them in their mission. The campaign ended with a call to action for the people of South Africa to learn sign-language.

The work done throughout the year by this school and many others in our project has truly been inspiring. We are incredibly proud of the work our YAs have done in 2022, and we cannot wait to see how they utilise their drive for the promotion of human rights in 2023!



The Umoya Project is The Justice Desk's volunteer-led relationship-building project that is loving through boundaries and focusing on protecting the rights of disabled, abandoned, abused, and elderly people. Our residents come from various underprivileged communities across South Africa, and the project operates out of the Missionaries of Charity home in Khayelitsha.

After growing leaps and bounds in the years since its inception, the Umoya Project, like many, took quite a setback when the pandemic hit. With many of the residents being most at risk of COVID-19, sessions were cancelled until such a time when it would be safe for them to once again have visitors. That time finally came in 2022, when sessions could resume and we could once again spend time with some of our favourite people in the world!

Unfortunately, the project had lost all its momentum and finding volunteers proved to be a difficult task. Thankfully, volunteers like Alexa Theron and Alexi Steinegger selflessly gave all of their time to ensure the project kept running smoothly, and with support from some faces new and old, our volunteer numbers are once again on the rise. The project still desperately needs an influx of volunteers to ensure its sustainability into the future however, and a core team of volunteers are planning and brainstorming future sessions to ensure only the best for the residents.

The Umoya residents themselves are as happy as ever to see everyone and excited to take part in every session, no matter the plan for the day. As one resident was overheard joking "How do you think we're going to entertain them today?", in case there's any doubt as to how reciprocal the relationships are between residents and volunteers at project sessions.

The goal for 2023 will be to expand the project's volunteer base and add a more varied session plan for residents. With the donation of a disability vehicle from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, His Excellency Ambassador Chull-joo Park and Hyundai South Africa, our residents will now be able to travel around without any discomfort, and this also now allows us to take them on even greater adventures in future.

As the first ever project to come out of The Justice Desk, going into the organisations 10th year we can't wait to see how Umoya grows from strength to strength and continues to enrich the lives of those involved, whether residents or volunteers.

67 Umoya Residents



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.

12 Community Sessions

1 Community



Khayelitsha

Counselling Services

The PSI Department provides individual counselling sessions to our project beneficiaries which helps with trauma, grief and loss, anxiety, depression, anger management, and other issues that our beneficiaries are experiencing in their lives. The sessions are aimed at helping the beneficiaries understand and be able to cope with and overcome these issues. In 2022, we had a significant increase in the amount of beneficiaries who made use of our counselling services.

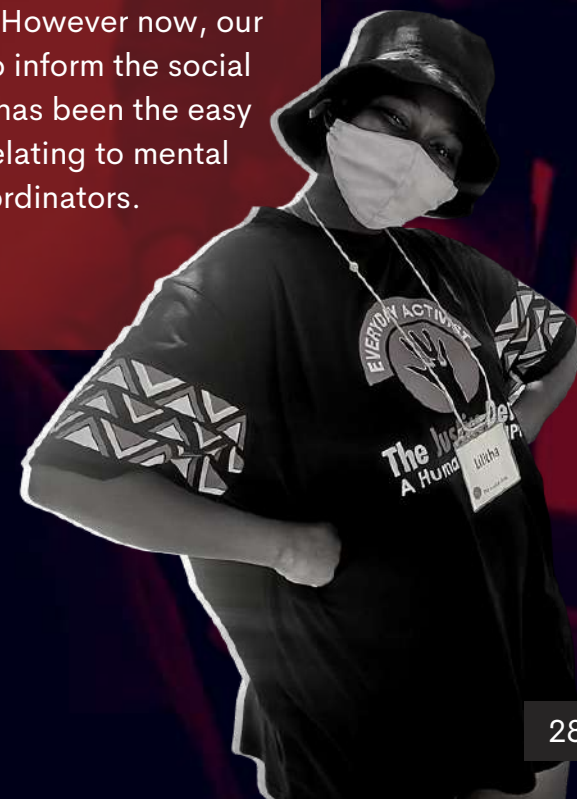
Beneficiaries from both the iNtsika yeThemba and Mbokodo Projects have shown great progress when it comes to being aware of their mental health and being able to recognise when they are in need of counselling or other forms of support from our social worker. Furthermore, there is more cooperation and willingness to apply what they learn from counselling throughout their daily lives. This is a significant difference from 2021 where some beneficiaries refused to go to counselling and others did not want to cooperate with the counsellors. However now, our kids are showing incredible growth with many feeling comfortable enough to inform the social worker when they need sessions. A major contributing factor to this change has been the easy access that TJD offers to counselling and the different talks and trainings relating to mental health that has been conducted by our social worker and project coordinators.

Total individual counselling sessions: 441



LILITHA MADIKIZELA

TJD SOCIAL WORKER
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Additional PSI Services for Beneficiaries

Family sessions/Home visits

This year the PSI department implemented a new service to help our beneficiaries and ensure that they benefit from psycho-social intervention as much as possible. One of our key challenges was parents countering intervention and causing children to regress. To address this, we started doing family sessions where each family receives a minimum of 4 sessions with the social worker to help address problems within the family. Matters that cannot be addressed with the family sessions are referred to an external organisation that will be able to render services that our PSI Department cannot do.

Total family sessions: 35 sessions

Volunteers

Our social worker hosted trainings with our volunteers throughout the year. The trainings were aimed at equipping the volunteers with the necessary skills to be able to provide adequate support services to our beneficiaries. There has been a lot of success with these trainings as the volunteers who attended the trainings have become more efficient and can better address matters concerning our beneficiaries. In addition to these trainings, volunteers had mental health check-ins and trainings with a CIC counsellor, Ronel o'Reilly. These mental health sessions helped volunteers understand mental health and how to not only support the beneficiaries, but also to take care of their own mental health.

Parent Workshops

The PSI Department worked with Childline Western Cape to host parent workshops aimed at educating and equipping parents with parenting skills. The workshops gave the parents the opportunity to learn about positive parenting, understanding their children, and mental health. Parents also had the opportunity to access counselling services during the day as some of them were triggered by the topics being discussed. Our social worker provided counselling to these parents after the workshops.

Total parent workshops offered in 2022: 3

Child Protection Trainings

All child protection trainings are conducted by our social worker to ensure that anyone who has access to our beneficiaries knows and understands our Child Protection Policy.

Total Child Protection Trainings with staff: 4

Total Child Protection Trainings with interns: 11

Total Child Protection Trainings with volunteers: 10

Topics:

- **Understanding trauma and triggers**
- **Facilitating triggering discussions in groups**
- **Facilitating one-on-one conversations**
- **Addressing behavioural problems with beneficiaries**
- **Mental health sessions**

Number of volunteer trainings: 10

TALKS & TRAININGS

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 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 offices, Civil Society groups, and within various communities. The key objective of our trainings are to equip everyday people with the skills needed to be responsible everyday advocates for change.

4900 + PEOPLE TRAINED

TRAININGS DONE:

- What is TJD and a Justice School?
- Know your Rights
- Human Rights Training
- Child Protection Training
- Child Protection Policy
- And more



THE JUSTICE DESK IN WEST AFRICA

Three members of our team traveled to West Africa after launching our Youth Ambassadors Project in four additional countries: Sierra Leone, Liberia, The Gambia and Ghana. As our CEO Jess also serves as the ER African Province Advocacy Director, the trip doubled up as an opportunity to spend time in our schools, meet with the West Africa Mission and Advocacy teams, as well as discuss various ways that we could further support the Network across Africa. While there, we conducted various human rights, anti-trafficking and child safeguarding trainings with teachers, parents, Brothers, community members and students across all four countries.

A truly wonderful part of the trip was the opportunity to visit 5 additional schools who have joined our Youth Ambassadors Project. We met with learners and teachers who will be engaging in the project, as well as appointed each school's new Justice Desk Youth Ambassadors (YA). Our YA Project works to build a generation of young changemakers through empowering young people in various schools to become Everyday Activists. Our young people are trained to become incredible human rights defenders and use their voice to stand up for the rights of other children.

It was incredibly inspiring to see so many people excited for justice and human rights work, as well as to learn more about how they could become Everyday Activists in their schools and communities. It was also a great joy to see the work that is already being done in West Africa by Brothers and schools to challenge injustice and build safer communities for all. Overall the trainings were a great success, resulting in cases of teachers agreeing to cease corporal punishment, students standing up to human trafficking and even the identification of tracking victims through the course of the trainings.

Many incredible relationships were built with community leaders, Christian Brothers and all the schools we visited. We look forward to supporting all those involved in running the Youth Ambassadors Project, where we hope to not only build the leaders of tomorrow, but the leaders of today. A special thanks to the CBA, the West Africa Mission Office and the African Province Leadership team for making this happen!

The Gambia

- Our Lady Help of Fatima High School
- Saint Edwards Lower
- Saint Edwards Upper

Ghana

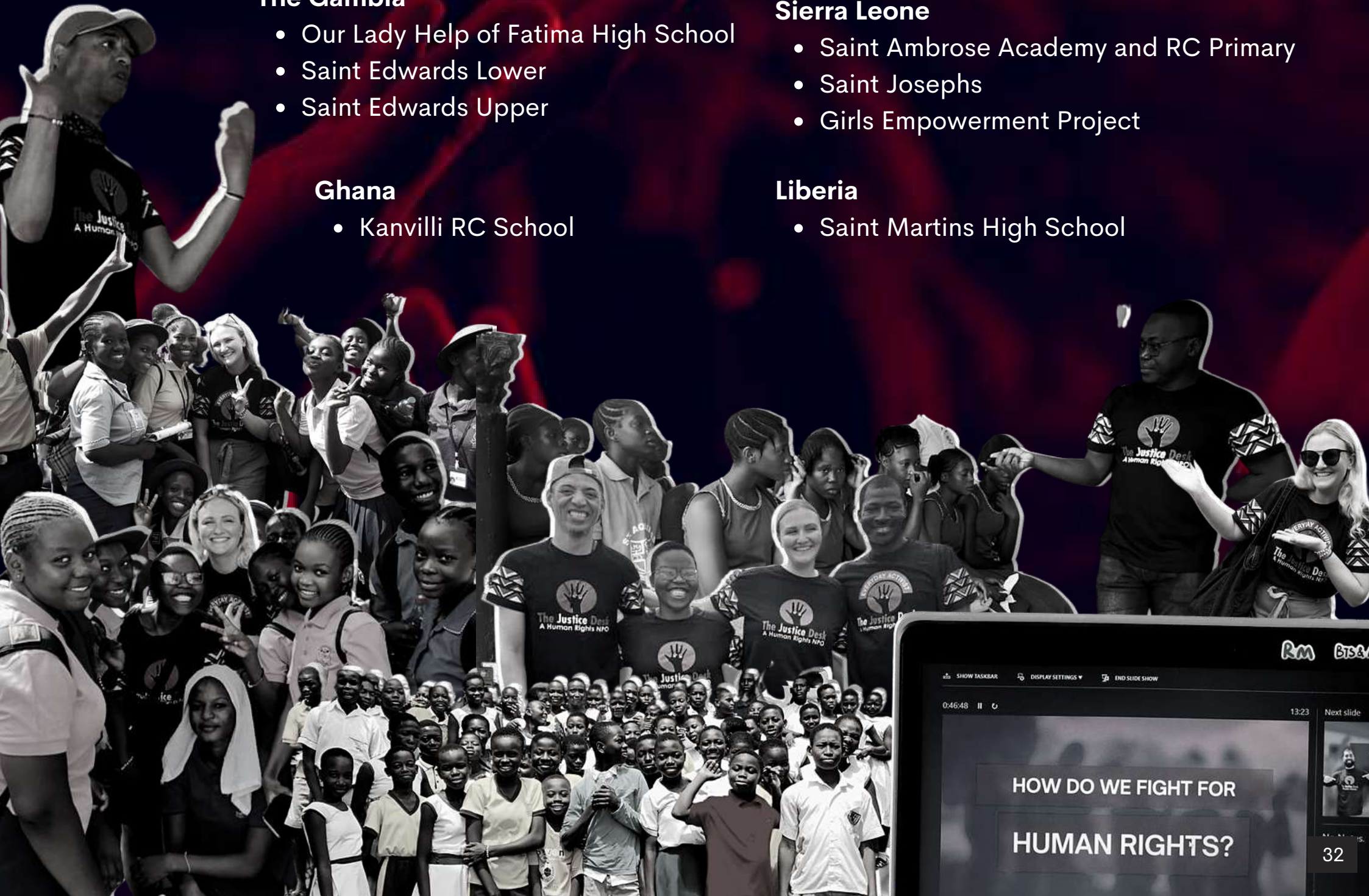
- Kanvilli RC School

Sierra Leone

- Saint Ambrose Academy and RC Primary
- Saint Josephs
- Girls Empowerment Project

Liberia

- Saint Martins High School

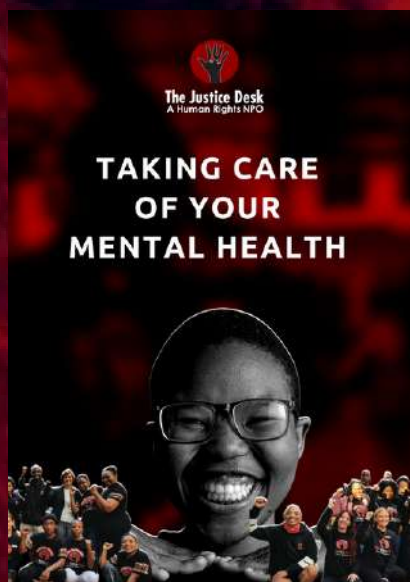


EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

This year our social worker created a variety of educational materials specifically focusing on mental health. A booklet titled Taking Care of your Mental Health was created to help our heroes understand mental health and to equip them with different resources and skills to be able to take care of their mental health and recognise when they need professional help. Another booklet called Understanding Trauma and Triggers was created in order for our heroes to learn more about the topic as well as to understand that everyone responds differently to their trauma and has different triggers. A third booklet was created to help our heroes understand Anxiety and Depression and have a better understanding on how to heal.

Our PSI department also identified that a lot of our heroes have challenges with managing their anger and thus a Managing Anger booklet was created to equip our heroes with skills and knowledge that will help them manage their anger in a more constructive manner. The booklets were made available to heroes, as well as to our team and volunteers in order to use as information for sessions covering these topics.

SOME OF THE MATERIALS CREATED IN 2022:



Advocacy

2022 has been an exciting year for advocacy and research at The Justice Desk. From written statements, oral statements and UPR submissions, The Justice Desk has done them all this year!

The Justice Desk presented two oral statements at the 49th Session of the UN Human Rights Council. The first statement focused on the lack of access to quality education for persons with disabilities in South Africa. We were proud to have our friends at The Chaeli Campaign contribute towards this submission.

We recommended what the South African government should do to challenge the stigmatisation, exclusion and discrimination faced by disabled people in South Africa.

The second oral statement presented commented on the epidemic of child abuse in South Africa. This statement brought to light the long-term impacts of child abuse as well as numerous recommendations needed to adequately address the occurrence of child abuse in our country. These statements provided The Justice Desk with the opportunity to bring awareness to pressing issues being faced in South Africa.

HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL



STATEMENTS

ORAL STATEMENT



UNITED NATIONS

ADVOCACY VIDEOS

2022 marked an exciting year for the creation of advocacy videos. This year, multiple videos were created to showcase the power and passion of our TJD heroes. From videos of our Activ8, a young activist grouping consisting of heroes across all projects, to videos of our incredible Youth Ambassadors advocating for increased accessibility for deaf people, The Justice Desk strives to spread awareness on various issues affecting our youth today. These videos capture the essence of The Justice Desk and we cannot wait to create more videos and increase awareness in 2023!



The Activ8 & The New Now:
The Leaders of Today!



A video on the
Mbokodo Level 3 Camp



Peace Day 2022 Video:
END RACISM, BUILD PEACE



Deaf Awareness Month
video with Justice Desk
Youth Ambassadors



Meet the Activ8:
Young Activists leading
the change of today and tomorrow

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

Head to our YouTube channel to see these videos: @TheJusticeDesk

UPR Submissions

This year, The Justice Desk submitted two Universal Periodic Reviews (UPRs) for South Africa and Zambia. Our South African contribution was led by our interns Frederick Pembroke and Zoe Steele. This UPR was completed in conjunction with our Youth Ambassadors from The Dominican School for the Deaf, Christian Brothers' College Boksburg and Holy Cross High School in Maitland.

This UPR focused on the following areas:

- Gender-Based Violence
- Child Abuse
- Human Trafficking
- Xenophobia
- Disability
- Mental Health

Due to our contributions to the UPR Process, The Justice Desk, along with the schools that assisted us in the creation of the South African UPR, were recognised and included in the Summary of Stakeholders' Submissions on South Africa - an official Report of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. This is an incredible achievement for The Justice Desk, as well as our Justice Schools. We are incredibly proud of the quality of work that our Justice schools have been able to produce, as well as for The Justice Desk to be recognised for our contributions by the United Nations.

Our Zambian UPR Submission was led by our Interns Keely Sondej and Samuel Gilbert. This UPR was completed in conjunction with our Justice School, St. Raphael's Secondary School in Zambia and the Zambian Western Cluster.

This UPR focused on the following areas:

- Child Marriage
- Child Abuse
- Teenage Pregnancy
- Gender-Based Violence
- Nutrition

The Justice Desk also had another amazing opportunity to present a video at the United Nations International Peace Day event. The theme for 2022 was End Racism, Build Peace, with particular emphasis on how peace is not just about laying down arms, but rather the creation of a world in which people are treated equally, regardless of their race.

We worked alongside one of our incredible Youth Ambassadors from Cape Town, Rutendo, to create a video where she was able to speak out against racial discrimination in South Africa and our continent.

This was an incredible opportunity for both Rutendo and The Justice Desk, and we are incredibly proud of the work that Rutendo has achieved during her time at The Justice Desk.

We cannot wait to see how we can expand The Justice Desk's advocacy portfolio in 2023.



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This year I had the opportunity to attend the Geneva Training in Switzerland from the 7th – the 18th of November 2022, sponsored by Edmund Rice International. The training focused on social justice and advocacy work at the United Nations. During the training we looked at the United Nations and the various mechanisms that have been put in place to ensure we all enjoy a safe and equal world.

Honoured is an understatement. Never in a million years could I have imagined that I would one day get the opportunity to travel abroad. I formed part of a group of 9 amazing individuals from across the world, who added so much more to the overall training experience. Friendships were made and we got to understand diverse experiences and the lived realities of others. We got to see that no matter who we are or where we are from, at the end of the day we are all humans trying to better our world one step at a time.

During the 2-week training I got to learn and gain an indepth understanding of how the United Nations operates and what their core focuses are. I got to understand all that goes into social justice and advocacy work and why it is of utmost importance to create platforms for people to speak who are being oppressed, as well as to advocate for the people in grassroots communities. While focusing on the theoretical aspects of advocacy I also had the opportunity to attend various sessions at the United Nations. This in itself was what I'd say was the cherry on top! Best of all, I had the pleasure of attending my own beloved country's review. South Africa's review was held on the 16th of November 2022, with the South African delegation led by the Deputy Minister from the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, H.E. Mr. John Jeffery. What an experience this was! 115 states partook in the interactive dialogue session.

Social justice and advocacy work is a major part of what we do at The Justice Desk in partnerships with Edmund Rice International, community members, and non-profit organisations. The Justice Desk has made multiple submissions to the United Nations. I was in absolute awe to hear that most of, if not all of The Justice Desk's recommendations were highlighted by a number of other states during the session. This was a true testament that shows that our voices & the voices of our people truly matter.

AT THE UNITED NATIONS

Though South Africa has made positive strides as a nation we still have a long way to go, and it is our duty to actively advocate each and every day for positive change. Too many of our fellow people are still left behind stuck in poverty, with insufficient service delivery and bleak futures. This needs to change! Therefore I pledge as a duty bearer with the responsibility that comes with it to do my part, however big or small it may be, to never stop advocating for all people.

And yes, of course I had some time for fun and games. I got to see the most beautiful mountains, went to a few museums and got to spend time in Nyon and Annecy.

I came back more inspired and more dedicated to continue this important work. I'd like to thank Edmund Rice International with a special thanks to Br. Terry, Br. Mike, Br. Kevin, and Br. Tino – you were incredible hosts and fantastic facilitators. You have reignited my flame and gave me hope. "Amandla Awethu" Power to the People. We are the People, the Power is within us. Together we will bring about change!

Yours in Justice,

Misqah Appollis

CAO & Community Lead



PARTNERSHIP SPOTLIGHT: KOLISI CONNECT

This year Lauren from the Kolisi Foundation started a great initiative; where she gathers all the partner organisations that work with The Kolisi Foundation into one space so that they can connect with one another and see how different organisations can support one another by expanding on each individual's area of expertise. As TJD, partnerships are at the core of our model, and so we naturally jumped all in for this wonderful initiative. Members of our staff regularly attend the Connect sessions, and as a result we have formed additional partnerships with other organisations.

We were also able to host the full Kolisi Connect group at our offices in November, for them to learn more about TJD and our unique model for change. We were also able to do mental health activities together, educational sessions and bonded as organisations who are working hard to make a difference. Team work makes the dream work – and TJD never works in isolation. Partnerships like these ensure that we are all doing our best to serve our people to the best of our ability, to learn, grow, collaborate and continue making a difference.



SOUTH KOREA

This July, our CEO Jess was invited as one of four keynote speakers to the 3rd BTS Global Interdisciplinary Conference, hosted by the International Society for BTS Studies and the Semiosis Research Center at Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, Korea. Other keynote speakers included internationally acclaimed author Paulo Coelho, Korean Deaf Child Education Research Institute President Jungsun An, Army Help The Planet (AHTP) Co-Director Maria Facioli, and music critic and author Dr. Youngdae Kim. Jessica's speech focused on the importance of identify, diversity & Ubuntu in leading change - receiving much praise & press coverage as a result.

While in Korea, Jess also met with various organisations that fight for human rights, forming strategic partnerships and offering support to those struggling in this work. As a result, she was able to secure the shipment of various shipping containers containing educational materials for our students; partnerships with one of Korea's largest news broadcasters; and the support of a substantial part of the conference attendees. We also offered our assistance to Korea's Human Rights Commission in lobbying for anti-discrimination laws, as well as established strong relations with both the South African and South Korean embassies. We look forward to furthering our contacts in Korea in the hopes of securing additional funding & partnerships into the future.



HOPE TO THE FUTURE

Jessica also formed a partnership with the Hope to the Future Association (HFA), an international NGO under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Republic of Korea. HFA operates youth outreach programs, including global citizenship education and volunteer activities, to foster global competence and attitude of domestic and international youth.

As part of this exciting partnership, Hope to the Future Association sponsored 10 young girls from TJD's Mbokodo Project in South Africa to visit South Korea on a human rights exchange program in December of 2022.

While in South Korea, the girls had the opportunity to visit various tourist attractions and experience the local customs and culture. They attended talks and demonstrations at local universities (such as a taekwondo demonstration), visit embassies and other nonprofits, as well as learnt about South Korea's history and continued fight for human rights. They also had the opportunity to see South Korea's natural beauty and visit various tourist attractions.

HFA Program Associate Ms Hyeonkyung Ha said that "I can't emphasise enough the great work TJD and its children are doing towards creating a better present. We are united in our vision to empower the youth to live in a more peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world."

TJD are absolutely delighted to work with HFA who do such wonderful work in educating and inspiring Korean youth to want to become changemakers in their world. We look forward to further strengthening our partnership and creating more opportunities for young people, especially those most vulnerable, to be further equipped and inspired in the fight for justice.



18TH WORLD SUMMIT OF NOBEL PEACE LAUREATES



Our CEO and the 10 Mbokodo girls who were in Korea were also invited to attend and speak at the 18th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates, which took place in South Korea from the 10th – 14th December. Jess and the girls presented on the important work done in the Mbokodo Project for gender-equality and peace in their communities to over 20 Nobel Laureates.

The girls were able to speak about the Mbokodo Project and its impact and ability to change this world. They also attended various panel discussions and workshops where they learnt more from the Nobel Laureates on how they can be incredible leaders in their communities.

The girls had the opportunity to engage with Kailash Satyarthi, Leymah Gbowee and more, whom they were able to speak with about their work at the conclusion of the summit.

Both Kailash Satyarthi and Leymah Gbowee mentioned how incredible the work of The Justice Desk is and how young people should use the Mbokodo girls as a source of inspiration, for the work that they are doing. We'd like to thank the Permanent Secretariat, the Nobel Summit and the Laureates for engaging with The Justice Desk and our Mbokodo girls. We look forward to next year's summit!



2022 MUSHROOM INSIGHT FORUM

On 17 December 2022, during our trip to South Korea, The Justice Desk was invited to speak at the 2022 Mushroom Insight Forum in Seoul, an international forum to reflect on the meaning and influence of BTS fandom. As the Mbokodo Project was in part influenced by BTS, it was especially pertinent.

The theme of this forum was 'Finding Hope in the Fandom for a Better Future' and Jess was asked to speak specifically on the effects of trauma and how we as Everyday Activists are determined to overcome it. This was especially in light of the recent traumatic Itaewon tragedy that occurred over Halloween.

The event was a lovely space to share unique experiences, thoughts and areas of expertise and consisted of academics, press, humanitarians and many others. Two of our wonderful Mbokodo Girls, Phumza and Azile, also spoke from the heart at the conference about the trauma they had each experienced living in South Africa as young survivors of violence. They spoke with courage and compassion as they helped those in the audience to understand that no matter your trauma, your life is worth living!



The girls spoke about their time spent in the Mbokodo Project and the difference the project has made in their lives. And to end it off, all of our girls got up on stage and sang the beautiful songs that highlighted their struggles.

TJDs main message at the conference was that if we continue to be divided as a world and focus on our differences only, then we'll never be able to come together in order to seek the help, guidance and care that we all need.

When we're experiencing things like trauma in the individualistic world that we live in, people are often told not to talk about their struggles and "suck it up". This has resulted in many people not feeling safe enough to come forward when they need help.

That's why at The Justice Desk we believe that we need to deconstruct these toxic values within our world and society and recognise that we are all responsible for one other. We need to create safe spaces where we can come to each other in our brokenness and heal.

A very special thanks to Youngmi for her continued love and support of The Justice Desk and all those who made this event possible.



THE NEW NOW

During Youth Month The Justice Desk's Activ8 worked alongside and were inspired by Jaha Dukureh and Uzodinma Iweala. These high-profile changemakers and activists form part of The New Now, which is incubated by Virgin Unite and includes human rights activists, environmental activists, scientists, and more, who through collaboration work to solve some of the most pressing issues of our time. They visited South Africa in order to partner with our Activ8 and ensure that their voices are further amplified and heard, and that their agenda is implemented.

From the many projects run by The Justice Desk, and out of the thousands of young activists in our campaigns, 8 changemakers were chosen to form TJD's Activ8 movement. The Activ8 is a group of young human rights defenders between the ages of 15-19, who have done tremendous advocacy work and have been chosen to champion and raise awareness to various issues that affect children in our world today. They are committed to creating long-lasting change and dedicating their lives to advocating for the fundamental human rights of all people.

Jaha and Uzo's visit to The Justice Desk, and their collaboration with our young people, was a tremendous showing of support for our work and our mission. We saw the excitement, passion, and fire of young people further ignited and the experience was one that will forever be a highlight to everyone involved.



ACTIV8

8 YOUNG ACTIVISTS WHO ARE CHAMPIONING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

The Justice Desk was started with the belief that young people have the **power** and ability to make a real and lasting difference in their communities and world.

TJD's mission has always been to promote the power of everyday activism. Our movement is filled with young people from across Africa who are committed to educating, empowering and inspiring their generation – and those yet to come, to lead their own change!

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THE ACTIV8 PLEDGE

For as long as it is necessary:

We commit, as young changemakers, to dedicate our lives to advocating for the fundamental human rights of all people!

We commit to educating, empowering and inspiring our generation – and those yet to come – to take a stand against all forms of oppression.

We commit to targeting and abolishing the roots of systemic injustice, found within all levels of society.

We commit to creating and defending the vital platforms needed, for all people's voices to be heard; so that no-one is ever silenced again.

We commit to supporting one another, as well as to take care of ourselves in this difficult yet life-giving work.

We commit to recognising the power of youth and our ability to make this world a free, just and equal place.

And most of all,
we commit to having the audacity to believe
that all people are equal
and worthy of their human rights.

Our future is in every one of our hands.

We commit.
You should too.



MEET THE ACTIV8



MEET IKHONA

Ikhona is a 16-year-old changemaker from the township of Khayelitsha. She is an Anti-GBV Activist and it is her dream to help create a world where every person can live a life without fear of abuse.



MEET SIPHOSETHU

Sethu is an 18-year-old innovator from the township of Nyanga. He is a self-proclaimed "Justice Activist" who is working towards creating a just and fair society that ensures that every person has access to their fundamental rights and freedoms.



MEET NASHIEKA

Nashieka is a 16-year-old trailblazer from the township of Bontehuwel. She is committed to building a world where sexual health education is made accessible for all!



MEET RUTENDO

Rutendo is an 18-year-old changemaker born in Zimbabwe, living in Mitchells Plain. She is incredibly passionate about advocating for mental health care accessibility and believes that we need to put mental health at the top of our national agenda!



MEET LUSANELLE

Lusanelle is a 17-year-old changemaker from Langa. Lusanelle is an Anti-Discrimination Activist who is passionate about challenging all forms of hate speech and discrimination.



MEET LUKHOLUYEMA

Lukholuyema is a 17-year-old activist from the community of Nyanga. He is passionate about Human Rights and his dream is for there to be a society that protects the rights of all human beings.



MEET ESIHLE

Esihle is an 18-year-old Accessibility Champion from the township of Langa. As a member of the Deaf community, Esihle is fiercely passionate about ensuring that the rights of those living with disabilities are respected and protected. As an Accessibility Activist she hopes to raise awareness about accessibility rights, ultimately ensuring that safer and more inclusive spaces are available for everyone to thrive in.



MEET AZILE

Azile is a 19-year-old activist from the township of Nyanga. She believes that no person should ever suffer sexual violence and continues to do everything in her power to challenge the belief structures that promote gender inequality, rape and gender-based violence. Being a rape survivor herself, Azile has also committed to help mentor and support other girls who have gone through the same thing, helping them to see that they are not "victims but victors".

GIRL WITH A DREAM FOR WOMAN'S DAY

On the 9th of August, Women's Day in South Africa, The Justice Desk hosted a celebratory Photo Exhibition around the theme 'Girl with A Dream' at the British High Commissioners' residence, in a bid to celebrate Women's Month and our incredible Mbokodo Project.

The photo exhibition featured powerful impact photos and stories of hope from our Mbokodo girls, the Amagorhakazi girls (Mbokodo girls who have graduated and become mentors), and incredibly strong woman allies and supporters of The Justice Desk, who had a dream and are also helping other girls achieve theirs.

It was an incredible evening celebrating women and the power of a girl's dreams and hopes for the future.

These photos were also exhibited at the V&A Waterfront from 9 to 22 August 2022, alongside an art exhibition entitled Celebrating Women. This was a part of the programme in the run up to FAME week, which celebrated African talent, innovation, creativity and inspiration.



HUMAN RIGHTS DAY CONCERT

On Human Rights Day, The Justice Desk hosted an event called Human Rights 365: Today and Every Day.

As an organisation that focuses on Promoting the Power of Everyday Activists, TJD believes in the power that ordinary people have to effect impactful and lasting change in their communities. Therefore, the event promoted the fact that Human Rights should be implemented, upheld, and protected 365-days a year and that every single day is another opportunity for us as Everyday Activists to bring about that change.

For Human Rights Day (held at Quay Four, at the V & A Waterfront) the aim was for the public to join us in creating a stronger movement of human rights defenders.

The concert featured the voices of well-known celebrities such as TJD's South African Goodwill Ambassador Mthandazo Gatya and Marco Spaumer as MC, as well as other incredible artists such as Majozi and Bob Ele.

Various young community activists from the Justice Desk's Mbokodo Project also performed incredible songs that reflected South Africa's fights for democracy and freedom.

Throughout the event, The Justice Desk hosted engaging activities, games, raffles, and merchandise stalls.

We encouraged those in the audience to become human rights defenders, joining a movement of incredible everyday people, who are dedicated to the lifelong pursuit of ensuring human rights, equality and a thriving world for all, every day, 365 days a year.



Fundraising Event

The Justice Desk held a Fundraising Concert on 26 November at Herschel Girls High School Theatre. All proceeds went towards getting 10 girls from the Mbokodo Project to South Korea, where they attended the 18th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates as well as a human rights exchange program with the Hope to the Future Association. It was an incredible day of music and entertainment, featuring local celebrities including Zolani Mahola, Marco Spaumer, Meghan Hector and, of course, our very own Mbokodo Project girls and iNtsika Project boys!



Vehicle Donations

The Justice Desk was gifted an accessibility vehicle by the Embassy of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of South Africa, to aid with increased access to our projects for persons with disabilities.

TJD has had a strong connection to Korea through many of our volunteers, interns and project participants – many of whom have been inspired by Korean music and culture. As a result, we formed a partnership in 2021 in order to support our Mbokodo and Umoya Projects.

Our partnership continued to flourish and in 2022, the Embassy partnered with Hyundai South Africa to create a vehicle for TJD capable of fitting two wheelchairs, in order to ensure that no one in our projects gets left behind, regardless of their disability. It will be especially helpful for our Mbokodo and Umoya Projects where heroes use wheelchairs.

H.E. Chull-joo Park, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to the Republic of South Africa, underlined the active participation and involvement of persons with disabilities in our efforts to promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities. This year, the Embassy of the Republic of Korea is promoting various development co-operation projects under the slogan 'Living together with Persons with Disabilities'. This year's donation of the Korean embassy to The Justice Desk is expected to contribute to improving the accessibility of persons with disabilities and providing valuable support for their skills training and education.

TJD is eternally grateful to the Embassy, His Excellency Ambassador Chull-joo Park, the Republic of Korea, and Hyundai South Africa for their kind donation. So many children in the communities in which we work have been unable to access our projects due to the fact that many busses remain inaccessible for people using wheelchairs. With this incredible donation, we can now ensure that all children can access TJD projects into the future.

TJD and the Embassy of the Republic of Korea look forward to continuing to work together as we seek to further impact the lives of many South Africans.





PSI Car

A huge thank you must be made to the Godrej Group, who alongside providing us with much needed funding, also supplied us with a brand new vehicle!

The vehicle will be used by our social worker and trauma counselor to do at-home visits in order to ensure that all our children get access to the necessary mental health care that they need. A huge thank you to Godrej for always stepping up for TJD!

Past Employees

This year we said farewell to two very special employees, Alexa Theron and Shamryn Brittan, who have moved on to other exciting adventures.

We thank them both for their years of service and incredible work in the name of justice.

You'll always have a home at The Justice Desk.

Alexa Theron



Shamryn Brittan



16 Days of Activism

For 16 Days of Activism we launched an online campaign asking men to engage more in the conversation around gender-based violence.

The campaign sought to engage men in video conversations around the intricacies of gender-based violence, asking them how they're contributing to ending gender-based violence, offering further ways that they can assist, and educating them on the work of The Justice Desk.

These videos were posted online along with infographics regarding the fight against gender-based violence. We also collaborated with the V&A Waterfront, whose staff took part in the videos.

Through this we looked to drive awareness, encourage more men to be involved in the fight against gender-based violence, educate others on what they can do to help, and encourage new volunteers as well as donations in the process.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

LAUREUS SPORT FOR GOOD SUMMIT

Our CDO Kayla attended the Laureus Summit in Sun City from 18- 20 October. At the event, The Justice Desk took home the Sport for Peace Recognition Award. The award celebrated the incredible impact the Mbokodo Project for girl survivors of rape and gender-based violence has had over the last year!

It was a very successful networking opportunity and The Justice Desk now has a number of additional friends and contacts that we hope will only serve to grow the organisation!

Despite only being supported by the foundation for 1 year, we have made a significant impact on their partners and funders and are confident that they will continue to support us in 2023. Our presence was felt at the summit and the feedback received from sport personalities, entrepreneurs and investors was overwhelmingly positive. A huge thank you to Laureus!



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