



# Novalis Ubuntu

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THE NOVALIS UBUNTU RESOURCE CENTRE.

WE INVITE YOUR SUPPORT  
That will take NOVALIS through COVID19 Lockdown  
into our next phase of Creating a bright new  
UBUNTU-values based future  
for South African Civil Society.

Due to restrictions placed on our basic income generating enterprise,  
we are inviting your support to take us through and beyond this lockdown period.

# A little bit of History



The Novalis Ubuntu Institute was founded in Durban in 1983 by Dr. Ralph T. Shepherd and a group of conscious friends with the purpose of making a creative contribution to the educational, social and cultural challenges of our times.

Our programs have positively impacted communities locally and internationally, with a key focus on child-centred innovative and accelerated learning programs already successfully taken by over 100,000 teachers and community leaders.

Our core focus is empowering and strengthening the creativity and resilience of dedicated men and women educating and caring for vulnerable children living in impoverished communities.

Novalis Centre is situated in Cape Town, South Africa, in close proximity to public transport and is accessible to all communities in the Western Cape. The Novalis

Centre is the head office for our outreach work.

The Novalis Centre hosts training and community enrichment programs and activities in a uniquely designed Resource Centre, with 6 meeting and training rooms, a large assembly space catering up to 250 people. In addition we run an Information Centre, library and Café with ITC networking space; our organic vegetable garden supplies our kitchen and an additional teaching site. Novalis hosts regular markets, concerts & a multitude of civil society gatherings. During 2016, Novalis hosted more than 18,000 people with a full-time staff complement of 9 people and a team of committed volunteers of 9 people and 5 volunteers.



# Vital Needs

\* for easy conversions  
R100 =  
Euro 4.8;  
US\$ 5.3;  
GBP 4.2

- EMERGENCY FUNDING TO BRIDGE COVID19 LOCKDOWN ANTICIPATED LOSS OF INCOME (R450 000) (\$25 000)
- PURCHASE THE LAND ON WHICH NOVALIS CENTRE STANDS (R1,5M) (\$83, 000)
- REPAIRS AND UPGRADE OF EXISTING BUILDING (R1,2M) (\$66, 375)
- RAISE SEED CAPITAL FOR NEW NOVALIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE (R3M) (\$165, 935).



## Activities

1 Novalis Resource Centre – a multifaceted operating HUB for civil society community and education centre catering for the greater Cape Town area.

2 Novalis programmes – A Chance for Every Child, iThemba Advocacy Project, Library for schools project, Experience-based adult education programmes that provide personal development, enrichment and empowerment of community leaders, social workers, teachers, caregivers, and youth leaders.

3 A vibrant Centre that promotes and supports innovative & sustainable initiatives including markets, concerts, book launches, film evenings, storytelling – a community cultural exchange meeting place, hosting civil society dialogues in partnership with sector partners spreading Ubuntu values and empowering community leaders.

# Running Cost



Annual running costs of the Centre comes to R1,2 million.

Of that, the Centre generates approximately R450 000 with its own revenue income enterprise.

That leaves a shortfall of R650 000 per annum which we generate through further selling venue hire space and services to the training projects

1. A Chance for Every Child (AC4EC) and its various conferencing days, and
2. Youth Empowerment Solutions (YEP) programme, and
3. Novalis Community College.

The venue space is 751 square meters.

74% constitutes operating and staff costs with 26% administrative and overhead costs.

100 people giving an average of (R4,500) (\$250) will meet the lockdown income shortfall or 200 people giving an average of (R2,250) (\$125)



Michael Tellinger, "I recommend that everyone who can, support the Novalis Ubuntu Centre, with its legacy and track record building social cohesion and Ubuntu culture with the values that builds healthy liberated citizens."

## Associates & Partners

Cape Town Interfaith Initiative – see photo on the next page.

Department of Arts and Culture – intergenerational conferences showcasing social cohesion

Department of Correctional Services – Memorandum of Agreement to assist them with art-based experiential programmes within the prisons in Cape Province

Department of Education – Western Cape.

Emissaries International and Local – Sunrise Ranch, Colorado, Gate House Centre Cape Town, Riverdell Centre, Austria and Edenvale Centre BC.

Anthroposophical Society of Southern Africa and its affiliate bodies Centre for Creative Education,

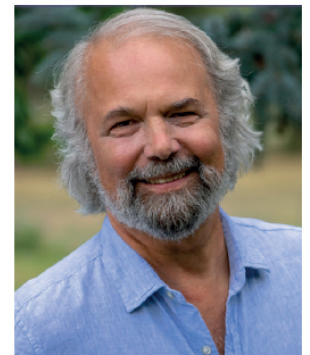
Anthroposophical Society of the Western Cape, Sofia Association Stockholm Sweden

Forum Syd, Swedish International Development Aid

The Light Centre and Lovelight, Kansas City USA.

Schulweg e.V, Heidelberg Germany

Numerous Volunteers and supporters.



David Karchere, "For over 30 years, the Novalis Ubuntu Institute has been a huge resource of enlightened education for the people of Cape Town. Now is the time for all who can to support Novalis so it can continue and expand this vital work."

Thank You for  
Becoming Aware  
of the Beauty  
of our Connectivity  
(Ubuntu)

# Biography

Born in East Africa, with a call to social activism, education and healing, it has been a privilege to serve in the civil society sector in a Country that has undergone so much change already.

MY PASSION is to re-introduce pathways combining indigenous knowledge systems with innovative and practical steps to realize right livelihood, happiness and peace.

MY DREAM is that we may discover and learn how to live in harmony with each other and Nature, and in community were where children are safe and revered as living 'beings' unfolding their Bright Futures in this new era for the World.

MY VISION I see Africa as a thriving continent in which we demonstrate 'Ubuntu' in a real, fair and just manner to the betterment of the whole. (Ubuntu is an ancient African word meaning 'humanity to others'. It also means 'I am what I am because of who we all are'.

How I Would Change the World – using Novalis to continue supporting intergenerational change-makers locally and globally, to unlock potential together. We will do this by continuing to refine our Holistic

Adult Education Programme combining innovative education principles, case studies and research with advocacy.

We will continue to inspire HOPE in teachers, caregivers & youth leaders, and encourage Ubuntu values as building blocks for strengthening communities, seeded and made famous by Nelson Mandela who said:

*'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world'*

*Over many years the Novalis uBuntu Institute has been a respected leader in holistic education programmes based on the universal spiritual values of uBuntu... a safe space for people to explore and unlock the Universal principles and virtues empowering humanity to bring forth the much needed culture of reciprocity and abundance for all. During this time – when we may be challenged like never before to understand what it really means to be human and to be 'alive', the Novalis uBuntu Institute will undoubtedly be a beacon of Light and a beloved and trusted friend to turn to.*



~ Anna-Mari Pieterse.  
Founder: uBuntu Civics Academy.



CEO - Anne-Lise Bure-Shepherd



Anne-Lise and Cheryl Harper from We Can Change Our World



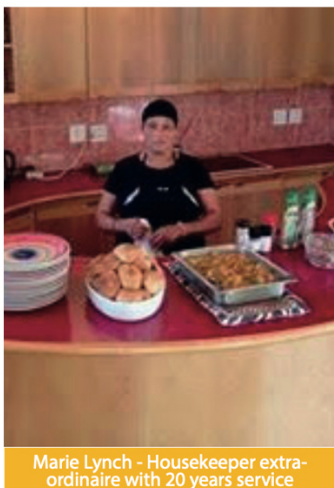
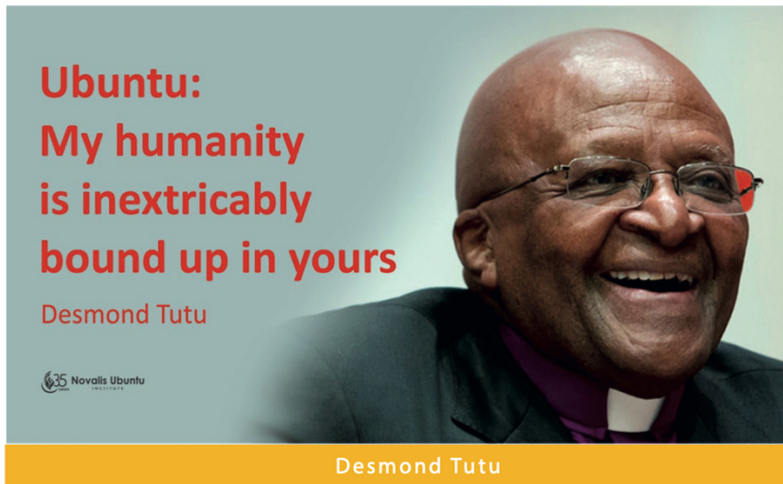
Anne-Lise with David Karchere



Anne-Lise with Phiwi (Department of Arts and Culture) and Mzwandile Sangweni

I wake up raring to go.

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Holistic Adult Education