



NASCEE Insider

The National Association of Social Change Entities in Education (NASCEE) is a network of nonprofit organisations working to strengthen the education sector across South Africa through collaboration, learning, advocacy, and capacity building.

As a membership-based association, NASCEE exists to support and amplify the work of education-focused nonprofits by creating opportunities for shared learning, collective problem solving, leadership development, and sector-wide collaboration.

We are excited to launch the new NASCEE Round Up – a fortnightly newsletter designed to keep members informed, connected, and engaged with the work happening across the network. Through this platform, we aim to share sector insights, member opportunities, learning resources, events, impact stories, and reflections from across the education nonprofit landscape.

Over the next 3 editions we will be spotlighting reflections from the NASCEE Capacity Building Impact Report, which

examines the importance of key learning initiatives run by NASCEE in 2025. This week we feature Olico Maths Education and how NASCEE’s support helped them to strengthen connection and confidence across their team.

We also introduce our Professional Learning Communities Programme, and will delve into the various community themes over the next few editions.

And finally, take a look at our Community Noticeboard for information on upcoming events and opportunities.



PLC Focus

NASCEE’s Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) bring professionals together in structured, facilitated groups to share practice, strengthen skills, and collaboratively solve real workplace challenges.

NASCEE has four communities, including Fundraising, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), Human Resources (HR), and Finance. PLCs create practical spaces for peer learning, reflection, and ongoing support.

Community Notice Board

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From Capacity to Impact: How NASCEE is Strengthening Education Organisations

Across South Africa's education sector, organisations are doing critical work under increasing pressure to scale, collaborate, and deliver measurable impact. At the National Association of Social Change Entities in Education (NASCEE), our focus is clear: strengthening the internal capacity, leadership, and systems of education NGOs so they can operate more effectively and sustainably.

Through targeted training programmes and leadership platforms, NASCEE is supporting organisations to move from fragmented operations to structured, confident, and scalable delivery. Below, we spotlight how this work is translating into real impact across our member network.

OLICO Maths Education Strengthening Connection and Confidence Across Teams

OLICO Maths Education works across more than 100 schools, supported by a team of staff and tutors delivering maths programmes to thousands of learners. While the organisation had strong content and reach, a key challenge emerged. Early career facilitators were working in isolation across multiple sites, resulting in uneven programme delivery.

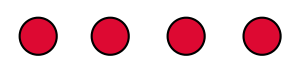
Through NASCEE's Collaboration and Networking, Fundraising, and Leadership Bootcamps, OLICO staff gained access to structured learning, practical tools, and peer networks that strengthened both confidence and day to day practices.

The result has been a noticeable shift. Teams are now more connected, programme delivery is more consistent, and staff are applying structured approaches to problem solving and collaboration. This has strengthened the overall quality of maths support reaching learners across provinces.

A powerful example of this impact is seen in the journey of a programme coordinator who progressed from facilitator to leading multiple teams and coordinating nearly 200 sessions per week. With the support of NASCEE's leadership training, she developed the confidence, tools, and leadership voice needed to guide teams effectively and improve programme outcomes.

This is the multiplier effect of capacity building. When individuals grow, entire systems strengthen.





PLC FOCUS

NASCEE's Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) are structured spaces designed to support meaningful peer learning and collaboration across the sector. They bring together small groups of professionals working in similar roles such as Fundraising, M&E, HR, and Finance. Each group is facilitated and focused on practical engagement, where participants can reflect on real challenges, exchange approaches, and build solutions collaboratively.

Our model combines multiple forms of learning to ensure relevance and impact, including:

- Expert led masterclasses on key topics and emerging sector trends
- Small group coaching sessions focused on real organisational challenges
- Peer learning discussions grounded in lived experience
- Ongoing WhatsApp groups for continuous support and resource sharing

PLCs are built on the understanding that professional growth is strengthened through connection, not isolation.

They create consistent spaces for reflection, shared problem solving, and practical learning that can be applied directly in the workplace.

Keep an eye out for our Masterclass invitations to benefit from NASCEE's Professional Learning Communities. If you are not yet a NASCEE member, become a member to take advantage of these learning opportunities.





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Upcoming NASCEE Events

Canva Webinar Series

Creating Campaigns That Move Communities 28 May 2026

Learning Webinar Series

The Engage Toolkit Date TBC
 In Association with JET
 Education Services

Professional Learning Community Masterclasses and Coaching Sessions

(Open to NASCEE Members only)

HR Masterclass	22 May 2026
HR Small Groups Coaching	27 May 2026
HR Small Groups Coaching	30 May 2026

Regional Networking Events

Eastern Cape	29 May 2026
Western Cape	June 2026
Gauteng	June 2026

Upcoming Partner Events

Microsoft Elevate for Changemakers AI for Nonprofits

In person instructor led sessions

23/06 Durban	The Junction
25/06 Cape Town	CHS Life Centre

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Virtual instructor led sessions

26/05	Click here to register.
02/06	Click here to register.
09/06	Click here to register.

Opportunities

Canva Education Support

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