



**NASCEE**

National Association of Social Change Entities in Education

# Introduction

## Why we exist?

Non-profit organisations (NPOs) make a significant contribution to the education sector in South Africa. Their diversity, reach and innovative solutions make them strong partners to both government and business in South Africa.

However, in many cases NPOs are just not heard, invited or consulted in important decision-making processes that affect them.

*In answer to a call for greater organisation amongst NPOs following the Education NGO Leadership Summit in March 2016, NASCEE was formed by NPOs for NPOs to amplify the voice of NPOs in education in 2018.*

## Background

Since the 1990s non-governmental (NGOs), non-profit organisations (NPOs), activists and other social change entities have watched their roles change. These organisations have had to adjust to a changing political environment, test and learn from educational advancements, engage in new forms of advocacy and leverage new technologies (to name just a few).

Education plays a pivotal role in shaping the future of South Africa and South Africans. Specifically, the National Development Plan 2030 sets a clear vision and specific goals for the development education in South Africa. The enormity and complexity of achieving these goals requires

the cooperation and collaboration from all spheres of society – in response, the National Education Collaboration Trust hosted the Education NGO Leadership Summit, in March 2016.

This summit was seminal event that led to the establishment of the National Association for Social Change Entities in Education (NASCEE) in 2018.

The summit fanned the possibility for non-profits in education to work much more closely together. The possibility of creating channels that would enable conversations and partnerships, which had relied on serendipity and chance meetings, excited the summit delegates.

NASCEE sees a future in which education NPOs effectively work for positive impact through education.



# About Us

NASCEE is a national association of NPOs and their allies in education. Our members are above all committed to towards building a high-quality equitable education system for all South Africans.

## Our Vision



We see a future where non-profit organisations (NPOs) in education are recognised and valued by all stakeholders for making a meaningful contribution to quality education for all in South Africa.

## Our Mission



It is our mission to empower NPOs in education by improving their visibility, capacity, effectiveness, and commitment to collaboration in order to magnify their impact and influence.

## Our Purpose



We work to maximise the collective contribution of NPOs towards achieving transformational systemic education through the fulfilment of the national targets set out in the National Development Plan as well as the global targets set out in the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

## Our Approach

Our approach emphasises engagement, consultation and developing shared learning with our members. We help our members by:

1

Facilitating opportunities for our members, through our participation as beta-users in the Edvision Platform. Helping our members connect with funders and each other

2

Improving their capacity, through targeted training, dialogue and collaboration, around specific issues they find problematic

3

Using what we and our members have learned to lobby and advocate for change within government, funders and the business sector

4

Fostering good governance, shared responsibility and accountability to all stakeholders

5

Facilitating reflection and continuous improvement practices to maximise the learning from projects

6

Celebrating and promoting projects/programmes making a difference.

# Our Flagship Projects

## The Annual NASCEE Conference

Organising and hosting an annual conference for our members and other stakeholders in education. The 2020 NASCEE conference Collaboration for Change – opportunities for implementation will be the second annual conference, and will be held in August 2020.

Last year's conference NPOs Working in Education: from promise to practice left conference delegates with a new found energy and sense of purpose in what they were doing, but more importantly it led to the formal adoption of the NASCEE constitution and the election of its first board at its founding meeting.

## The Edvision Partnership

The partnership with Rand Merchant Bank around the beta testing and development of the Edvision platform will result in more effective matchmaking between funders (including corporate social investment funds) and implementers (mainly NPOs) to launch important projects improving the state of education in South Africa.

## Other Projects

In addition, NASCEE provides regional capacity building workshops – the current series focuses on Governance and Reporting. A previous workshop introduced our members to Impact Investing. We anticipate these workshops becoming targeted problem solving sessions guided by relevant experts in response to our members needs.

We are also in the midst of negotiating partnerships with:

IPASA - The Independent Philanthropy Association of South Africa

SAMEA - The South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association

ETDP SETA - Education, Training and Development Practices Sector Education and Training Authority

Finally, we send a quarterly newsletter to about 2000 organisations working in education largely in the non profit sector.

# Our Membership

NASCEE has almost 50 members and is actively campaigning to grow its membership. These include:

- A Better Africa Foundation
- AFRO-Freedom Book Club
- AIMSSEC (African Institute for Mathematical Sciences Schools Enrichment Centre)
- Biblionef South Africa
- BRIDGE Innovation in Learning Organisation ("BRIDGE")
- Catholic Institute of Education
- Centre for the Advancement of Science and Mathematics Education (CASME)
- Data Innovator
- ENAMEN Consulting
- enke: Make Your Mark
- Green Shoots
- Horizon Educational Trust
- Inanda Seminary
- Independent Examinations Board NPC
- JET Education Services
- Kadash International
- Kagiso Trust
- Khanyisa Inanda Seminary Community Projects
- Kolping Society of South Africa
- LEAP Science and Maths Schools
- Leaps Development and Advocacy Services
- Lesedi Larona Home of Trust
- Mfundo Development Foundation NPC
- Michaelhouse Community Partnerships Trust
- Multi Arts Alliance
- New Leaders Foundation
- Niche Wellness
- OneVoice South Africa
- ORT South Africa
- Pearson Marang Education Trust
- Pecop Soweto
- Positive Flames South Africa
- Primary Science Programme (PSP)
- Reading to Learn South Africa
- Ripple Reading
- SchoolNet South Africa
- ScienceCEO Academy
- South African Education Project
- Summit Educational Trust
- Symphonia for South Africa NPC
- TechnoAfrica (Technology for Africa)
- The JumpStart Foundation Trust
- The Learning Trust
- The Love Trust
- The Seven Passes Initiative
- The Sozo Foundation
- The Ukuqonda Intitute
- UNAKO
- Valued Citizens Initiative
- Zenex Foundation

We are proud to represent a diversity of organisations with an interest in education. The formation of NASCEE is an important milestone in developing an active and vibrant civil society in South Africa, particularly for the education sector.

Membership is open to education non-profit organisations or organisation supporting education non-profit organisations. These support organisations, who are registered as non-profit entities, can also seek membership however, the constitution limits the number of donor representatives who serve on NASCEE's Board.

# Our Board

The first NASCEE board was elected in May 2019 and these members have volunteered to serve until May 2021. They play a pivotal role in shaping NASCEE and supporting its projects and development. Without their generous support, in time, energy and resources, we would not have come this far. These members have already played an active role in shaping NASCEE into the association it is today. Helping the sector organise itself rather than just be passengers in the South African education system. Serving members of the Board are:



**Chairperson:**  
**Dr James Keevy**  
JET Education Services



**Vice Chairperson:**  
**Ms Vuyiswa Ncontsa**  
BRIDE Innovation in Learning  
Organisation



**Ms Gail Campbell**  
Zenex Foundation



**Dr Veronique Genniker,**  
Pearson Marang  
Education Trust



**Mr Giles Gillet**  
New Leaders  
Foundation



**Mr John Gilmore**  
LEAP Science and Maths  
Schools



**Ms Sibongile Khumalo**  
The Learning Trust



**Mr Sylvester Moepya**  
Independent  
Education Specialist



**Ms Estelle Nel**  
Independent Examination  
Board



**Ms Lungile Zakwe**  
AFRO Freedom Book  
Club

# The Team

There are many people who collaboratively make NASCEE possible and in the next six months we look forward to launching our working groups – but for now the engine that drives the initiatives is driven by a dedicated project manager, Dr Rooksana Rajab, support staff Boitumelo Mancsi, Zukiswa Mashigo and the support of the Board.

**This would not have been possible without the SEED funding and resources provided by JET Education Services.**

We are enormously grateful to the generosity of our funder and founding members who make our projects possible. We currently developing a self-sustaining funding model and need additional support for:

1. Capacity building projects,
2. Organisational development, making sure we have the right people in place,
3. Building our membership base

# Becoming a member

Apply on our online form <https://nascee.org.za/membership> and register to be a member.

1. Process and evaluate the application
2. Send a registration confirmation email
3. Process and send Invoice for payment to applicants
4. Send a payment confirmation once received
5. Honour our new member by giving them an annual membership certificate and linking their organisation details to the NASCEE website.





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