

The NASCEE Notebook

THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM NON-PROFITS IN EDUCATION



WELCOME TO THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL CHANGE ENTITIES IN EDUCATION (NASCEE) @WORK

What an exciting day! We are finally sending out the first newsletter from NASCEE. It has been a long journey since the Education NGO Leadership Summit in March 2016.

Since the summit the need for - and drive towards - **establishing a collaborative structure to address the challenges and support NGOs in education** to deliver on their mandates has intensified.

Following the summit, and an open call for nominations, **a steering committee was formed** to manage the process of

establishing an eNGO forum. The elected members worked on developing **a vision, mission, goals and strategy** for the eNGO forum, now adopted by NASCEE.

The association is poised to assist non-profit organisations in networking and communication, accessing funders and government, internal capacity development and ensuring high standards of practice and delivery in the education space.

Since November 2018, we have been working hard to **update our contact database** and find out what initiatives

REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

In November 2018 a series of regional workshops was held, introducing potential members to NASCEE and Impact Investment.

Read more on page 2 & 3.

2019 NASCEE CONFERENCE

Save the date: another national conference for non profits is being held 13-14 May 2019

Read more on page 4.

WHAT'S NEXT

We share more about our initiatives on page 5.

NPOs in education are running through a **survey**. We have managed to grow our database of non-profits working in education from **200 to 2000**.

We are currently **mapping where all the eNGOs are located** and where they operate.

We look forward to sharing this with you soon. For now we hope you enjoy our update for January 2019.



REGIONAL WORKSHOPS

November 2018

What was important for us is that delegates welcomed an association of NPOs in education collectively and collaboratively **working for positive impact through education**. An association which values accountability, inclusivity, innovation and advocacy. Delegates want a common representative voice!

This is what **Ali Gordon from Ripple Reading** expresses:

“The question arises as to whether we need to form an association of not-for-profit organisations working within the education sector... the answer received at Monday’s meeting which comprised a gathering of Gauteng practitioners, was a resounding “YES!”. We need a regulatory and networking body.”

At the same workshop:

- Steering committee member, **James Keevy** confirmed the commitment from JET: *“We are serious about funding and making a difference,”* and
- Rooksana Rajab**, appointed to co-ordinate the NPOs in Education concurred: *“We have to be passionate about education and transferring skills... be in it with heart and soul to make a difference”.*

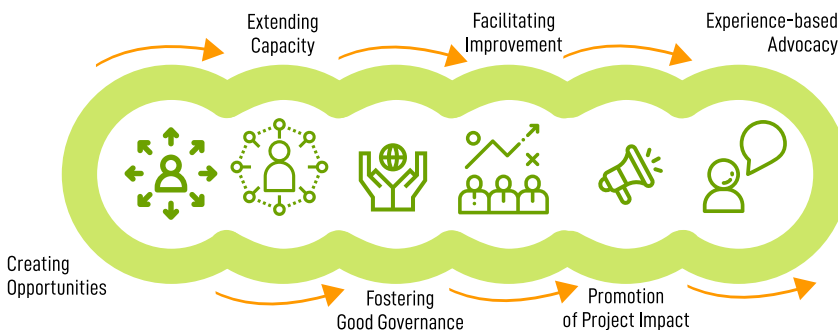
In November 2018 a series of Workshops was held in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town to:

- Share the work done to date on the strategy and identity of the forum,
- Consult with members and potential member around the future plans and structure of the association,
- Introduce attendees to Impact Investing.

At the workshops, delegates once again affirmed **the NPOs in education’s commitment to the principles and values of lifelong learning** and expressed their support for the articulated strategy, vision, mission and purpose.

<p>VISION: We are pursuing a future where NGOs in education are recognised and valued by all stakeholders for making a meaningful contribution to quality education for all</p>	<p>MISSION: To empower non-profit organisations in education by improving their capacity, effectiveness, and collaboration to magnify their impact and influence.</p>
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PURPOSE:
To maximise the contribution of Education NGOs towards national development goals related to education through improving Education NGO capacity, effectiveness, collaboration and influence, in order to support and amplify the voice and positive image of Education NGOs within South Africa and abroad.



DECIDING ON A LOGO

A series of names for the association were proposed and presented to the regional workshop delegates, as part of the stakeholder consultation. The most popular ones were:

NASCEE

National Association of Social Change Entities in Education

eNPO

Association of Education Non-Profit Organisations

Similarly the workshop delegates were asked to evaluate various potential logos. The most popular were:



In January 2019, the logo and name chosen by the workshop delegates was officially adopted. **Thanks to all those who participated.**

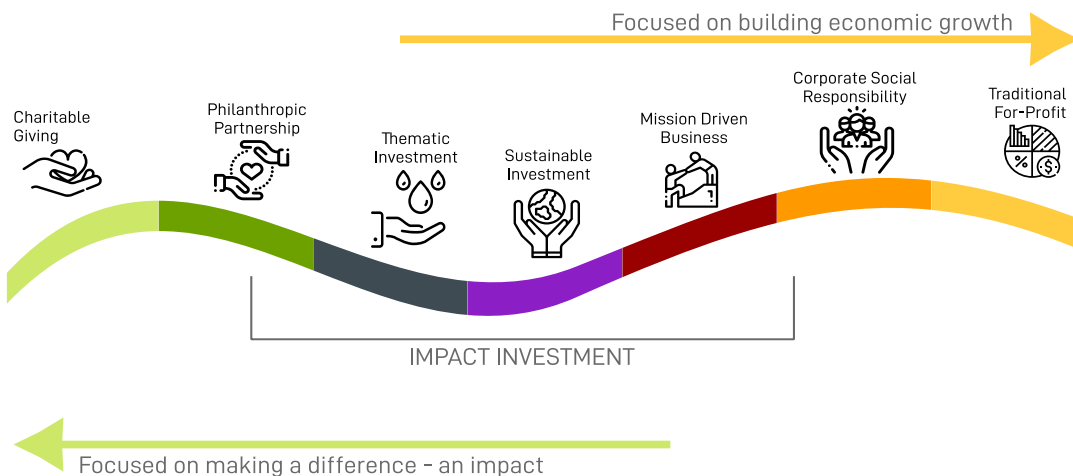
The NASCEE steering committee and project manager will continue working on developing a brand identity that reflects the strategic positioning of the Association.

Thanks also to the Coalition of Quality Education in the Western Cape for inviting us to their workshop on 23 January 2019 in Cape Town. The collaboration was great!



IMPACT INVESTMENT

Finally, Sawa Nakagawa/ Adam Boros (Tshikululu) guided the workshop attendees through the practicalities of Impact Investing in South Africa. In a nutshell, impact investment refers to the diversification of financial instruments that bridge the gap between traditional business investment and philanthropic investment or charitable giving.



Although impact investment is in its beginning phases in South Africa, with social entrepreneurs and funders currently trying out different organisational structures and funding mechanisms we anticipate rapid growth.

South Africa has a history of financial innovation and increased reporting pressures mean that ever more funders are looking to take a more strategic

direction to their charitable investments. This means project initiators, owners and managers need to be aware of the investors intent, the investment risk associated with their project and have a clear idea how they will measure the impact of their projects. Impact investing at its core means building a diverse partnerships between eNGOs and funders.

THE 2019 NASCEE CONFERENCE

13 – 14 May 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS.

NASCEE invites academics, NGOs, policy makers and other stakeholders to send in their research abstracts or case studies to Boitumelo Manci, info@nascee.org.za for consideration by the organising committee.

Initial submissions must reach us by:
01 March 2019.

Our biggest project for this year will be organising the second NPO in Education conference in May 2019.


Some of the delegates from the regional workshops volunteered to serve on the organising committee. It gives us great pleasure to announce the Conference Planning Committee

- Fawzia Naidoo - CIE Thabiso skills institute
- Gloria Benson - Tshwaranang Association of The Deaf
- Juanita Pardesi - Seriti Institute
- Marisa Van de Merwe - The Entrust Foundation
- Sharon Ries –Education Expert
- Fezile Sithole - CAPS Radio
- Sylvester Moepya – Harambee

Delegates at the regional workshops were able to offer some insight into the topics they would like discussed at the conference. These were further developed by the Conference Planning Committee as follows:

1. Funding
 - a. Innovations in funding models
 - b. Self sustaining models
2. Capacity building – Human capital in the sector
3. Collaboration
 - a. Mechanisms
 - b. Best practices
 - c. Examples
4. Monitoring, Evaluation & Learning – Teaching at the right level; research leads to good decisions
5. Technology - New ways of doing things

Suggested Conference Topics:



Getting to grips with running an NGO
Best practices



Building partnerships
Opportunities to meet & collaborate



Making an impact on Education in South Africa
Impact assessment

Sponsors Welcome



If you would like to showcase your organisation in the best way possible at the 2019 Conference contact us on info@nascee.org.za to learn more about the event sponsorship packages available.



The time has come for us to elect a BOARD.

If you would like to set the direction and influence real change in Education in South Africa consider joining our board.

Timelines:

- 14 February 2019, Distribute formal call for board members
- 28 February 2019, Requests for nomination opens
- 28 March 2019, Nominations close
- 12 April 2019, Introduction to candidates newsletter

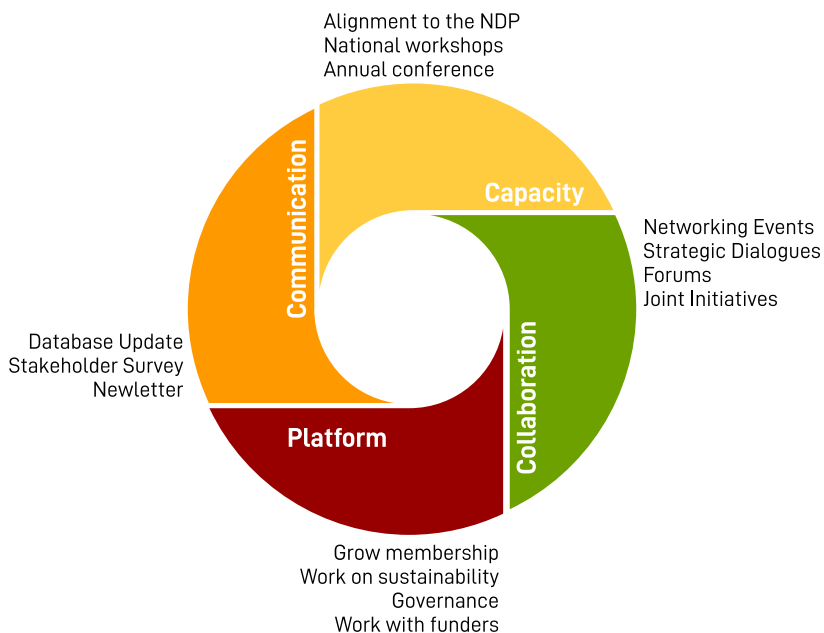
At the conference:

- 14 May 2019, Meet the candidates
- 14 May 2019 election of the inaugural NASCEE board

JOIN OUR BOARD

WHAT IS NEXT?

The NASCEE steering committee and project team are actively working towards realising the goals the Association adopted for itself following the summit in 2016.



For the next year, the team will concern itself with four tactical initiatives:

- Communicating regularly with members and stakeholders,
- Building capacity of NPOs in the sector,
- Fostering collaboration, and
- Strengthening the platform to be able to advocate for our members.

In the immediate future, most of our energy will be focussed on **getting ready for the National Conference** but allied to that we will also be:

- Sending a newsletter every quarter,
- Finalising the NASCEE brand,
- Setting up a website, and
- Working on formalising statutes and structures for the membership.



Look out for the 2019 Conference Programme where we will be officially launching NASCEE.