

SHAPING RECONCILIATION

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The 2015 Reconciliation Awards theme ‘Shaping Reconciliation’ focused on finding nominees who have worked strenuously to instigate change by addressing issues of social justice.

The selected nominees were identified as those playing a vital role in contributing to reconciliation, through working in socio-economic justice projects and overcoming inequality.

The selection of this theme highlights that reconciliation will only take root if issues of injustice concerning poverty, inequality and unemployment are addressed.

The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
is proud to present
The 2015 Reconciliation Awards Ceremony
in partnership with Cape Town TV

At the District Six Museum Homecoming Centre
15 Buitenkant Street
Cape Town

Wednesday, 23 November 2016

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2015 RECONCILIATION AWARDS WINNER

The Institute for Justice and Reconciliation
proudly presents the 2015 Reconciliation Award
to the **Women on Farms Project (WFP)**

*for 20 years of shaping reconciliation by strengthening
the capacity of women who live and work on farms.*

The Women on Farms Project (WFP) is a South African non-governmental organisation (NGO) working with women in commercial agriculture, mainly in the Western Cape Province. The project emerged from an initiative in 1992 by Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) aimed at meeting the specialised needs of women who live and work on farms.

Formally registered as an independent NGO in 1996, the WFP provides education, training and capacity-building to women who work and/or live on farms (farmwomen), as well as to organisations representing them. The purpose is to provide women farmworkers and organisations with the skills and capacity to know and understand their legal rights, to advocate for the extension and improvement of those legal rights, and to campaign for the effective enforcement and application of those rights.

The WFP also trains women on their labour rights, including the minimum wage, benefits, tenure including

housing rights, as well as rights around gender-based violence. The WFP's advocacy serves to protect, strengthen and advance the rights of farmwomen by providing women-specific inputs. These serve to improve and extend the rights of farmwomen by improving policies and laws, thus addressing the systemic and structural legacies that constrain women.

The project's geographical reach covers women who live and work on farms in the Western Cape Province, particularly in Stellenbosch, Paarl, Wellington, Rawsonville, Grabouw, Wolseley, Ceres and De Doorns, as well as the Northern Cape in the areas of Keimoes, Kakamas, Kanoneiland and Augrabies.



WFP strives to strengthen the capacity of women who live and work on farms to claim their rights and fulfil their needs.



Images courtesy of <http://www.wfp.org.za/>

2015 RECONCILIATION AWARD RUNNER-UP CANDIDATES

IJR would like to recognise three organisations that were shortlisted in the final round as runner-ups. We would like to acknowledge them for making a marvellous contribution to shaping reconciliation and addressing socio-economic injustices in South Africa in their respective areas of intervention.



Equal Education (EE) is a community- and membership-based organisation striving for **quality and equality in the South African education system** through campaigns based on detailed research and policy analysis. EE draws attention to the problems faced by schools and their communities. Equipped with this knowledge, it offers a new way for people to participate in the democratic system and bring change to education and society.



Learn to Earn (LtE) is a skills- development and job-creation organisation that seeks to **develop people, especially unemployed people, socially, economically, emotionally and spiritually.** LtE has skills-development and training centres in Khayelitsha and Hermanus. The organisation's mission is to eradicate unemployment and other legacies of injustice in South Africa. Since 1989, LtE has trained more than 11 500 unemployed people with market-related skills in sewing, graphic design, woodwork, technical skills, call centre, baking and home management.



Founded in 2008, the Social Justice Coalition (SJC) is a grassroots social movement made up of 14 branches, located mainly in informal settlements across Khayelitsha, Cape Town. Their campaigns are based on ongoing research, education and advocacy, and are divided across two programmes: **The Local Government Programme**, that leads campaigns on sanitation, budgets and urban land; and **The Safety and Justice Programme**, that leads campaigns on policing and the criminal justice system.

2015 RECONCILIATION RISING SHAPER AWARD

About the Rising Shaper Award [new category]

With this year's Annual Reconciliation Award coinciding with the 20-year commemoration of the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC), and the Awards celebrating a 15-year milestone, IJR is proud to introduce a new category to the awards, the Rising Shaper, which honours the strides and work done by youth in helping forge reconciliation.



Rising Shaper
Nonkululeko Xulu

Nonkululeko Xulu is a human rights activist with a deep passion for uplifting and empowering disadvantaged youth. In 2010, Nonkululeko established the X Foundation, which provides learners in Grades 1 to 12 with the necessary support to keep them in school. Each of her beneficiaries is awarded a bursary that provides for school fees, uniforms and stationery for a whole year. In addition, Nonkululeko also gives the bursary recipients the support they need to succeed and enjoy their schooling years by providing food parcels as well as health, fitness and life-skills training and advice.



Rising Shaper
Leonard McKay

Leonard McKay is a trained artist, human rights activist and youth heritage activist passionate about community development and advocating for human rights, heritage, environmental affairs, and an end to poverty and abuse. Through the Adam Louw Digtors Forum, Leonard facilitates youth outreach projects in Kakamas and Kuruman in the Northern Cape, where he promotes issues of social development, wellness and the empowerment of both youth and women.



Rising Shaper
Maletuba Motseke

Maletuba Motseke is one of the founders of Consciousness Café, a No Name Initiative (NNI) which instigates and facilitates transformational dialogue in support of personal responsibility and accountability towards active citizenship. The NNI provides deep dialogue aligned with South Africa's past and present in order to create a more empowered active citizenship. The Consciousness Café has hosted dialogues in communities around Gauteng, Cape Town and Durban.

PREVIOUS IJR RECONCILIATION AWARD WINNERS

Each year the IJR confers the Reconciliation Award upon an individual or organisation that has made an outstanding contribution to nation-building and reconciliation in South Africa, whether these efforts originate in the spheres of politics, business, culture, or community service.

2014

The Ruben Richards Foundation – *for enabling communities to overcome gangsterism and organised crime*

2013

Symphonia for South Africa's Partners for Possibility project – *for enlivening reconciliation by helping to bridge the social, economic and geographical divides between the business and education sectors*

2012

The Socio-Economic Rights Institute – *for keeping the Marikana victims and their families on the national agenda*

2011

Olga Macingwane – *for her continued commitment to community reconciliation*

2010 Insufficient applications

2009

Judge Albie Sachs – *for realising reconciliation through his life and work*

2008

Shine Centre – *for helping, through volunteerism, foundation phase learners with literacy*

2007

The community of Masiphumelele – *for setting an example in promoting tolerance towards foreign nationals, and in striving to ensure dignity and justice for all in their community*

2006

Ouma Grietjie Adams – *for holding the community together in mourning, conflict and celebration*

2005

Brigalia Bam – *for her role in enabling peaceful democratic elections*

2004

Mary Burton – *for her work in the Black Sash and elsewhere*

2003

Dullah and Farieda Omar – *for their contribution to the TRC process*

2002

PJ Powers and Sibongile Khumalo – *for singing one another's songs*

2001

Pieter Dirk Uys – *for enabling us to laugh at ourselves*

2000

Tim Modise – *for getting the nation talking*



2000



2001



2002



2003



2004



2005



2006



2007



2008



2009



2011



2012



2013



2014



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FROM THE IJR

To everyone who participated in the run-up to this event and everyone who is working to confront exclusion and promote justice and reconciliation in South Africa: Siyabonga, enkosi, thank you.

A special thank you to the 2015 Reconciliation Awards committee and panellist, Ruben Richards, Edgar Mashao, Parusha Naidoo, Faranaaz Vraagom, Carolin Gomulia, Isaac Bayor, Eleanor du Plooy, Gugu Nonjinge and Joseph Adams. Thank you for giving your time and insight.

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THANK YOU



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ARTISTIC PERFORMANCE

Tamsen Samuels, Mbasa Soga, Teneal Galant and Ashleigh Schultz are dancers training at the University of Cape Town School of Dance, each with over 10 years of dance experience. Together they have been working with IJR Visiting Fellow and dance choreographer, Lindsey Doyle, to explore how improvisational dance can be used to tell stories about South African society and politics. They use a technique called 'playback', in which stories from the audiences are elicited then 'played back' through dance, often sparking new insights and dialogue in the process. Most recently, this newly formed group performed at the 2016 Baxter Dance Festival.





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