



## ANNUAL REPORT 2021



### Chairman's Greeting

Congratulations to the Novalis Team, for achieving extra-ordinary goals during challenging times and for keeping the Ubuntu Flame alive. Thank you for showing us what a 'Gifting Economy' looks like, for your courageous commitment to something larger than yourselves, & for believing and demonstrating the Spirit of Ubuntu in real & practical terms on a daily basis.

Thank you to partners, funders, patrons and friends local and abroad, for believing in us, and for your continued support and recognition of our work.

The South African journey towards freedom & thriving has been more challenging than we imagined, and yet, I celebrate the extra-ordinary Faith, Resilience and Hope, that lives in the ordinary South Africans who demonstrate vital empathy and 'africanacity' for the journey we are on.

As this journey is not yet over, thank you to my colleagues on the Novalis Board, holding steady and 'being there' when we needed to meet the necessary duties of our governing position.

Wishing Novalis Ubuntu Institute fortitude and strength to continue building on the ground claimed in 2021.

Sandi Sijake  
Novalis Ubuntu Institute Board Chairman

## CEO Review of 2021

When comparing years in numbers and figures, we did better than the past two years, increasing our income by 61%. Working in a Civil Society organisation and a 'gifting economy' and whilst putting this report together, we were astonished at how much we accomplished with so little. A separate document records direct impact in our community.

What did we accomplish in 2021?

Novalis Ubuntu Resource Centre – continued to provide a safe & clear space for our civil society partners to host smaller events than in previous years due to the pandemic rules. We highlight a few of the too many events to mention - the Cape Opera evenings showcasing 'Curley River and Ama Gokhra'; the extra-ordinary filming of 'The Power'. The monthly Thrift Markets & quarterly Cape Town Talent Exchange Markets, and a few Book Fairs, as well as regular yoga classes on Saturdays. Other highlights were Hanna van Maltitz's 10<sup>th</sup> solo Art Exhibition, and her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday launching her book entitled "Brushstrokes". David Shuping from our Ubuntu Group, held a superb African Jazz Concert with his band.

Moving into projects: The Social Cohesion Project worked in partnership with Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) and hosted excellent courses in Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Reconciliation. And together with Department of Sports, Arts and Culture (DSAC), we hosted the Khayelitsha Children's Choir on two occasions, one for the parents launching their project, and a second for partners in the Work Stream 'Children and Positive Parenting' with Mzi Mbembe from Pretoria.

The Library Project in partnership with Schulweg e.V completed its tasks from 2020, and led by Mzwandile Sangweni & team, started working on a climate change research project for 2022, with the library teams increasing and expanding learners' and school communities' awareness & knowledge regarding Climate Change impacts on South Africa.

The Chance for Every Child Project reached out to the previous participants and after 2 postponements, held a 3-day workshop in early January before the 2022-school year commenced. 25 participants led by 2 facilitator guides, Fadeela Ally-Schmidt & Fatima Osman, launched this new extension of the C4EC curriculum, entitled CARE POWER – a concentrated focus on self-care & resilience, tapping into our own super-powers. This work will continue through 2022 due to overwhelming response.

The Link-Up Western Cape Magazine printed and distributed 3 quarterly issues last year and enjoyed assistance from volunteers and a strong team of co-workers ensuring its growth and expansion. <https://www.facebook.com/LinkUpWCape>

In addition to our social media, and communications networking, we enjoyed one Y-Elders catch-up meeting, and happy to see our Youth Activist Elders doing well despite challenging times. The North-South Dialogues via Zoom with Sofia Friends in Sweden continued, and we enjoyed visits from a few overseas friends and patrons who made it South despite conditions. It was great meeting up with the whole Kari Bove Family!

The Novalis Ubuntu Resource Centre Team held strong whilst strengthened and expanded the foundations of a new Novalis. Emma Mshumpela joined in May to fill the position of secretary, and Michele Henderson joined in July to assist with the Link-Up Magazine. Marie Keffers- Housekeeper & Garikayi Brown - Caretaker made great strides in their 'sewing' and 'leathercraft' projects. Thank you to Ilhaam and Hanna for your guidance and assistance. Avra Richen assisted greatly in getting the fundraising administration back on track. A highlight needs celebrating here, is the sterling work of Mike de Nobrega who assisted Novalis Board getting our SARS compliance back in the clear. Enjoy the photos of the acquisitions - new Vacuum Cleaner purchased, & the new photocopier compliments from CBA partners.

In conclusion, 'never under-estimate what a small group of people can do' – Enjoy photos from our End of Year celebrations – consciously appreciating the miracles & co-working magic that we were able to weave during 2021. A.Bure-Shepherd. CEO

## 2021 Projects



Cape Town Opera Company & UCT Music School - 2 Performances



Chance for Every Child Seminar



Dr Zambara – IJR and participants



Novalis Library Climate Change Project



Film Shoot for 1 day - "The Power"



Khayelitsha Children's Choir Concert at the Novalis Centre



Davis Shuping & Band



Healing Touch gathering



Hanna & Cyril Coetzee



Hanna & Garikayi with his leather work



Dr Zambara from IJR



Henry & Garikayi - Fixing the roof



Hanna with at her book launch



CBA donated replacement Printer



Famous Thrift Market Shawarmas



Our new R2D2 Vacuum Cleaner

**End of Year 2021 Celebrations**



CELEBRATING OUR YEAR



Sandi Sijake



Hazel, Emma, Anne-Lise & Michele



Marie & Henry



Avra



Zephne



Marie



Astrid

Thank you to Friends - from Sofia Assn(Sweden); Emissaries of Divine Light(Co USA & Global); Schulweg e.V.(Germany); and the many individual patrons who have supported Novalis work through their financial contributions during the past 3 years. Without you, we would not have stayed afloat. Without you, we would not have been able to continue supporting others in our community. Viva Ubuntu Spirit ! Viva the Golden Rule ! Thank you so much !