Programme

30-31 January 2024

Birchwood Conference Centre, Johannesburg

AMPLIFY AFTER SCHOOL — SYMPOSIUM —

Day One - Tuesday, 30th January 2024

08h30 - 09h30 **REGISTRATION**

09h30 - 10h00 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**

Welcome by **Sixolile Mabombo**, The Learning Trust Board Chair
Scene setting by Symposium Facilitator, **Wayde Groep**

10h00 - 10h40 **OPENING CONVERSATION**

Exploring the role of civil society and the significance of youth voice in a thriving democracy. Addressing the voids in the South African context and understanding the contribution of ASPs. A panel discussion examining the problem that ASPs are addressing.

Sibongile Khumalo, The Learning Trust, in conversation with:

- **Tessa Dooms,** Rivonia Circle
- **Bongiwe Mlangeni,** Social Justice Independent Consultant; and Trustee of The Learning Trust

10h40 -11h00 **SYSTEMIC CHANGE**

Kate Philip, Programme Lead for the Presidential Employment Stimulus discussing government priorities, youth employment, opportunities for ASPs.

11h00 - 11h20 **PAUSE FOR REFLECTION**

Processing and pondering insights gained from the morning session.

11h20 - 11h50 **TEA/COFFEE**

Engage in interactive stalls from ASPs

11h50 - 13h00 **WORKSHOPS**

Breakaway 1: Strategic leadership
Facilitator: **Joy Olivier**, Binding Constraints Lab
Explore strategic leadership in programmes that have collaborated with government to scale early-grade reading initiatives.

Breakaway 2: Quality standards in ASPs
Facilitator: **Zoe Mann,** The Learning Trust
Define "quality" programming in after-school settings by drawing on international examples. In this discussion, we will consider the transferability of quality standards in the South African context, and learn practices that can be adopted for the benefit of local ASPs.

Breakaway 3: Successful partnerships with schools
Facilitator: **Zama Zulu**, Masinyusane Development Organization
Gain insights into what constitutes an outstanding partnership with a school. We will hear from an ASP about the factors that have enabled and inhibited their success, and explore strategies to build effective relationships with schools, and ultimately with district and provincial departments.

13h00 - 14h00

LUNCH

14h00 - 14h20

PAUSE FOR REFLECTION

Gather key takeaways from parallel sessions.

14h20 - 15h30

YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

A must-attend session for all ASPs! Dive into the world of the Social Employment Fund, where we'll unpack the victories and challenges of empowering thousands of youth from across the country to support ASPs. Panelists will share their experiences and spill the beans on what truly worked and what didn't! We look to the future too - where can this opportunity to engage unemployed young people take the sector? We also want to hear about your wins and hiccups.

Our speakers will include:

- **Kristen Thompson**, Researcher
- Various participating ASPs
- Moderated by **Charlene Petersen-Voss**, The Learning Trust

15h30 - 15h45

WRAP UP AND CLOSE

15h45 - 16h00

STROLL OVER TO THE RUNWAY BAR AND INVITE SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T HAD A CHAT WITH TODAY TO JOIN YOU ON THE WAY.

16h00 - 17h00

EVENING DRINKS

Join us at the Runway Bar for a fantastic opportunity to meet and mingle with other delegates! Enjoy some lighthearted and enjoyable networking, guided by the energetic Wayde Groep who will lead us in fun activities that are sure to put a smile on your face. Thereafter, feel free to grab a beverage, kick back, and unwind in a relaxed atmosphere. It's the perfect way to end the day with laughter and connection!

Day Two - Wednesday, 31st January 2024

09h00 - 09h20

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Recap and reflect on Day 1

09h20 - 10h20

POWER TALK: AMPLIFY

Understand the critical role of branding in attracting resources. Join us in welcoming **Kevin L. Brown**, CEO of Mighty Ally, who will unravel the intricacies of leveraging a strong organisational branding to secure vital funding for your work. Discover the power of a compelling brand narrative and its impact on fostering connections and garnering support. Don't miss this rare opportunity to explore dynamic strategies to amplify your ASP! The session will conclude with a Q&A facilitated by **Wayde Groep**.

10h20 11h30

MASTERCLASSES

Masterclass 1: How to source alternative and sustainable funding
Facilitator: **Alef Meulenberg**, Rhiza Holdings

- Embark on a transformative learning experience with this Masterclass dedicated to fundraising. This session invites you to explore the insights and experiences shared by a seasoned professional. The expert-led instruction ensures an interactive session, with an engaging Q&A and discussion. An enriching session that promises to equip you with practical skills and a comprehensive understanding of sustainable funding practices.

Masterclass 2: How to run a successful advocacy campaign
Facilitators: **Kristal Duncan-Williams & Clotilde Angelucci**, Youth Capital

- Learn advocacy fundamentals, stakeholder engagement, and effective digital advocacy tools. This masterclass will offer a comprehensive guide to enhancing your skills in strategising and running impactful campaigns. An enriching exploration of strategic advocacy that promises to elevate your skills in amplifying your work.

Masterclass 3: How to nurture young minds
Facilitator: **Deborah Diedericks**, Senior Programme Officer, EMpower

- Empower the vibrant young individuals contributing to your programme while adeptly addressing challenges that may arise among learners. Dive into the establishment of secure and all-encompassing environments. This masterclass is designed to uncover methods of fostering a nurturing space, prioritising their well-being. Join this enriching session tailored for a well-rounded role in the after-school sector.

11h30 - 12h00

TEA/COFFEE

Engage in interactive stalls from ASPs

12h00 - 12h45

UNLEASHING INNOVATION: PECHA KUCHA PRESENTATIONS

Immerse yourself in a dynamic format of concise and impactful presentations, featuring innovative ASPs sharing their expertise on Coding without Computers, Arts for Thriving Youth, Tech-Enabled Learning, and Collective Monitoring & Evaluation. Presenters from Lalela, LEVA Foundation, Reflective Learning, and TeamPact will showcase cutting-edge approaches that hold promising opportunities for ASPs. A fast-paced commentary on innovative practices that can elevate ASP impact in diverse learning environments.

Our presenters are:

- **Eugene Pelteret,** Reflective Learning
- **Jackson Tshabalala,** Leva Foundation
- **Vika Mjoka,** Lalela
- **Tim Conibear,** TeamPact

12h45 - 13h30

STARTING SOMETHING FROM NOTHING: NAVIGATING GROWTH

Be inspired to start something and sustain its growth through effective leadership, strategic innovation, and dynamic partnerships. This session will unravel the intricacies of building and leading a thriving organisation, exploring the challenges and triumphs inherent in the process. Examine the crucial role of courage and collaboration that contributed to the sustainable expansion of after-school initiatives. An opportunity to glean lessons and inspiration from those who have successfully navigated the growth path.

Our panelists are:

- **Andrew Barrett**, OLICO Maths Education
- **Moitshepi Matsheng,** Youth Impact
- **Jacqui Boulle**, YearBeyond
- **Wendy Abrahams**, Advance Edukos Foundation
- Moderated by **Christine Downton**, Founder of The Learning Trust

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LUNCH

Please note, there might be some last-minute changes to this programme. For the latest updates, please visit: https://www.thelearningtrust.org/amplify-after-school-symposium/