



Welcome to our

Monthly Newsletter



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A WARM WELCOME

Welcome to the LEAP Institute Newsletter!

As we embark on another exciting chapter, I am thrilled to share the incredible growth and impact of our work at the LEAP Institute. Every step we take is rooted in our commitment to transforming education, empowering youth, and uplifting communities.

Our vision is grounded in co-creating a reimagined, thriving wellness-focused world in which all communities are self-empowered to prioritise the development of our children and the wellbeing of all community members. Through our Levers for Change, we are reimagining education as a catalyst for social and economic transformation.

This newsletter is more than just an update—it's a space to celebrate progress, spark conversations, and invite collaboration.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are building a movement of change-makers!

Zonke Ngidi

Co-Director, LEAP Institute

Meet our Board of Directors

Please meet the dedicated team who provide oversight, guidance and support to the LEAP Institute.



Asanda Tsengiwe



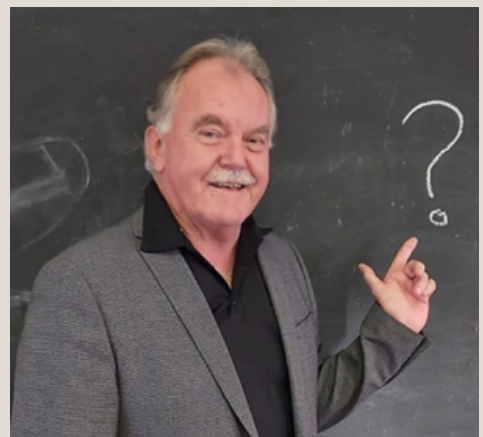
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We appreciate their time, effort, expertise and leveraging their networks to support our transformative work!

Digital Transformation

Lever 1 Team Returns to East London for Advanced Digital Skills Training

From January 13th to 17th, the Lever 1 team returned to East London for a second round of training, building on the foundation laid during the SEL-focused workshop in November 2024.



This session focused on Digital Citizen Plus (DC+), equipping participants with essential digital skills for workplace readiness, online collaboration, and productivity. A total of 12 participants engaged in interactive, hands-on learning, covering key areas such as document creation, file management, and online communication. By the end of the week, 10 participants successfully passed their DC+ assessments, demonstrating significant progress in their digital literacy.

Following the training, all participants advanced to the E-Learner program to further develop their skills. Additionally, four candidates have taken the next step into the ICDL program, where they have already written one or more certification tests. This progression highlights the growing impact of digital empowerment in the region, as participants continue their learning journeys towards advanced digital proficiency.



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Maths Corner

Exciting Teacher Workshop

The Ubuntu Mathematics Institute started the year with an interactive workshop for Teachers Plus, engaging 3rd to 5th-year BEd students in their program.

The session focused on strategies to make maths exciting in the classroom and effective classroom management techniques.

A lot of Interactive games were played, showing the students the different perspectives around maths learning and teaching mindsets.




The 1st Maths Festival of the year!

The Institute held its first Maths Festival of 2025 at the LEAP School in Langa, Cape Town (LEAP 1). The hour-and-a-half session aimed to motivate Grade 8 students and give them a fresh, fun introduction to maths as they begin their high school journey.

We look forward to many more of these exciting sessions throughout the year!

For more updates about the Ubuntu Mathematics Institute and upcoming Maths Festivals, visit their Facebook page:

 [The Ubuntu Maths Institute](#)



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Living Learning Labs

Welcoming Our Grade 8s with a Green Start! 🌱

As part of their commitment to sustainability, the Eco-clubs welcomed the new Grade 8 students across the LEAP Maths and Science Schools by gifting each of them a Spekboom plant and planting them together. This initiative encourages the kids to embrace environmental responsibility from day one!

The Spekboom will grow alongside them throughout their high school journey, symbolizing both their personal development and their role in nurturing the planet.

Known for its exceptional ability to absorb carbon dioxide, improve air quality, and thrive in drought conditions, Spekboom is a powerful ally in the fight against climate change.

By caring for their plants, students learn that even small actions—like planting a single Spekboom—can make a meaningful impact on our environment.

Together, we're cultivating a greener future, one plant at a time!

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Pitching for Success!

As part of the dynamic Business Growth Lab series within the MYM curriculum, the 2024 cohort recently pitched their business ideas Dragon's Den style!

This high-stakes experience allowed them to step into the real-world business environment, sharpening their presentation and negotiation skills.

The cohort had the incredible opportunity to present their ideas to a distinguished panel of industry leaders, including Jenny van Niekerk (CEO of ICDL), Peter Searll (Exco Member of the LEAP Institute), Neliswa Nyandeni (Lever 3 Leader of the LEAP Institute), and Sibulelo Maafrica (Founder of Zithandele Cleaning Services).

Through this experience, they gained valuable insights into clear, confident communication, handling tough questions, and the art of selling their vision to potential investors. This was more than just a pitch—it was a stepping stone toward their entrepreneurial future!



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LEAP make Your Moves



Following our dedicated work in Tabase, Eastern Cape, in 2024, the LEAP Institute has achieved remarkable success in transforming education outcomes. Our intervention at Jumba Secondary School led to extraordinary improvements in matric results, demonstrating the power of targeted support and committed teaching.

- Matric Maths Pass Rate: Increased from 17.4% to 55.6% – more than threefold growth.
- Science Results: Improved from 58.7% to 70.4%.
- Overall Matric Pass Rate: Rose from 83% to over 90%

These outstanding results were made possible through the generous sponsorship of Mteto Nyati, Chairman of ESKOM and BSG, whose belief in our mission has been instrumental in driving this impact.

Sonyoka Onele



(Distinction in Agri-Science, IsiXhosa HL)

Makhasi Litha



Distinction in IsiXhosa HL

Congratulations to the Class of 2024! Your hard work and determination have paid off, and we celebrate your achievements. We wish you all the best as you embark on your next journey!

Engineering the future

An incredible journey begins for students at LEAP 1 and LEAP 2

With the vision and generosity of the Hands on Foundation, the LEAP Institute has brought engineering to two of our schools.



Starting with Grade 10's, engineering for matric provides the basis for real transformation of technical and engineering capacity building in South Africa. All engineering students (and there are over 50 of these) must do engineering graphics and design – to learn to construct and read engineering designs. These students then have a choice of construction or digital electronics, paving the way for easy access to these careers.

We thank The Hands on Foundation for this innovative and game changing initiative, and will soon incorporate this into the other LEAP Science and Maths Schools.



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Empowering Youth: LEAP Institute & Young Africa Join Forces for Vocational Training in South Africa!

Young Africa and the LEAP Institute have signed an MoU to establish vocational training centers in South Africa.

Young Africa is operational in 6 countries across Africa and equips young people with skills for life and work is the most impactful solution for youth employment in Africa.

Keep an eye on [our website](#) for updates coming soon!



A Call to Partner with LEAP Institute

The LEAP Institute's work in Tabase is a shining example of how education can transform lives and uplift communities. The progress made in 2024 is just one of many incredible achievements, and we are excited to continue our mission in other underserved areas.

We invite individuals, organizations, and corporate sponsors to join us in making an even greater impact. By partnering with the LEAP Institute, you contribute to the development of future leaders and empower young minds with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed.

We also extend our deepest gratitude to our current sponsors and partners. Your generous support and commitment to our mission are invaluable, and we could not achieve these milestones without you. Thank you for believing in the power of education and transformation.

To learn more about how you can support our initiatives, visit our website or reach out to us directly. Together, we can build a brighter future!

