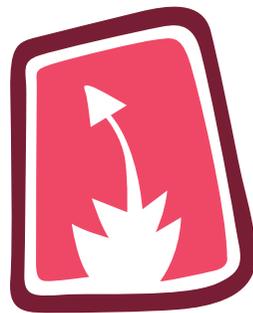


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NEW LEADERSHIP AT WOZA MOYA

A new dawn is upon us at Woza Moya! A lot has been happening behind the scenes in these past few months. We are thrilled to finally be able to introduce the new leadership at Woza Moya, Director of Operations, S'Phesihle Radebe and Director of Woza Moya, Sylvia Anderson.

In November last year Dr Amon Kasambala, temporarily stepped down from the Board, in order to help manage the transition of Sue Hedden, Founder and Executive Director, as she begins to move on. Amon has successfully facilitated a number of transitions both in NGOs and in Corporate Business. The Board made a decision to recruit Amon as a Consultant and Strategic Advisor to Woza Moya. Since then Amon has been assessing the organisation, consulting with all parties and stakeholders, seeing where the gaps are, how Woza Moya can be repositioned and restructured for the future, and supporting Sue into her new role of Friend Raising.

New Director of Operations S'Phesihle Radebe is originally from the Ufafa Valley Community. Much to his family's delight, he has returned home after being away for 10 years, in order to take up this position at Woza Moya. Sphe was born and raised in Mashakeni Village, the last of 7 children. Despite losing his father at a very young age, and experiencing hardship, S'Phesihle continued to have big dreams. Supported by a scholarship from the National Research Foundation, he recently completed his Masters in Environmental Management at Rhodes University in Grahamstown. S'Phesihle's academic career began at UKZN where he obtained a Bachelor of Social Science in Geography and Rural Resource Management, followed by Honours in Geography and Environmental Management. Working with the Wildlife and Environmental Society of South Africa (WESSA) for a few years, Sphe became passionate about community development especially in relation to water, sanitation, invasive alien plants, waste and environmental management, and other ecological concerns. S'Phesihle also has a strong interest in social change and mentoring young people.





New Woza Moya Director, Sylvia Anderson, was born and grew up in Zimbabwe, where she lived until 10 years ago, when she moved to Pietermaritzburg. Sylvia is passionate about community development, in particular working to help organisations address the systemic nature of poverty and to consider how they are working in communities, helping them to ensure that their work is respectful, empowering and sustainable. Within that, children and social justice issues facing women in communities are very close to Sylvia's heart. Sylvia has been working as a Community Development consultant with her husband Paul in their Manna Consulting business for many years.

Sylvia and Paul have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls aged between 22 and 14 years old. Sylvia loves being a mother to these 4 young people. When not caught up with these two areas that occupy a lot of Sylvia's time and heart, you will find her outdoors, bird watching, hiking, fishing and swimming mostly.

Sylvia is based in Pietermartizburg, a one hour drive away from Woza Moya, travelling out to be on site for one or two days per week, with the team and her counterpart S'Phesihle.

We are feeling blessed and honoured at Woza Moya to have found two people so perfectly suited to their roles and together making an awesome new leadership team. Phambili Woza Moya Phambili!

OTHER NEWS

Sue Hedden and Dr Amon Kasamabala are currently working on a new Friend Raising Strategy for Woza Moya. This will be tried and tested locally before embarking on a Friend Raising trip to the UK and at a later date to the USA. We need your help! Watch this space!

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