

WELCOME TO SAWN !!

It is with great pleasure to welcome you officially to the Southern African weltwärts Network. We have been advised that you are an active partner within the *weltwärts* framework that receives/hosts and/or sends volunteers to Germany annually.

We as a network have formed following a clear need for a joint voice that represents all Southern African receiving organizations in the hope that the quality and quantity of the *weltwärts* programme is maintained. We would like to take this opportunity update you on who we are and how we have come to be connected. Please familiarize yourself with the information below which gives you a basic idea of how we have come into being and the purpose of this.

Southern African weltwärts Network

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'A collective decision-making voice of all Southern African host/partner volunteer organisations and thus optimising the volunteer environment in Southern Africa focusing on weltwärts and potentially on other programmes.'

MISSION

- Supporting South North and North South volunteering programmes and this giving of self for humanity (Ubuntu)
- Increasing the opportunity for Southern African young people to experience transcultural learning, by sending more Southern African young people abroad to Germany and respectively other countries.

- Facilitate and ensure accessible communication internally within SAwN.
- Providing strong supporting structures for the Southern African partner/host organizations and returnees/alumni. I am still of the view that supporting alumni should be a separate point on its own-already at this stage. It will help clearly state where there is room for SAwN to offer something that is necessary to the network.
- Strengthening partnership relationships between organizations

“COLLABORATION IS VITAL TO SUSTAIN WHAT WE CALL PROFOUND OR REALLY DEEP CHANGE, BECAUSE WITHOUT, ORGANIZATIONS ARE JUST OVERWHELMED BY THE FORCES OF THE STATUS QUO”

- PETER SENGE

OBJECTIVES OF THE NETWORK

1. Be the conduit through which direct communication would be facilitated between the host/partner organizations and the *weltwärts* Steering Committee in Germany.
2. Play a fundamental role in influencing decision making and policy development that affects the placement of *weltwärts* volunteers at partner/host organizations in the Southern African region and in Germany.
3. Facilitate and ensure accessible communication internally within SAwN.
4. Lobby and advocate within the Southern African region with relevant government structures to safe guard the interests and social developmental benefits of the *weltwärts* volunteer programmes and potential other volunteer programmes.

5. Strengthen the relationships with and between the SAwN member organizations, German partner organizations and *weltwärts* Steering Committee with the aim of enhancing & supporting the *weltwärts* volunteer programme.
6. Influence and be an equal partner in the development of the North - South and South - North *weltwärts* volunteer programme.
7. Create an information portal that facilitates access to relevant information with the view of building and bolstering the *weltwärts* programme in the Southern African region and potentially other volunteer programmes.

8. Ensure that *weltwärts* is taken up on the bilateral government consultation agenda in the forthcoming years.
9. Ensure that an accurate data-base of all Southern African members and other volunteer organizations is available for the SAwN members.
10. Ensure that quality measures are adopted, adapted and implemented in the Southern African countries to ensure volunteer best practice.
11. Facilitate research to strengthen relationships between partner organizations, sending organizations and volunteers in South Africa and Germany.

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12. Establish a network of alumni to continue education and training to support SAwN and its member organizations. Not sure I understand this fully? What is meant by this objective?

13. Promote learning exchanges between member organizations and volunteers within Southern Africa.

Membership into SAwN is recommended for all Southern African *weltwärts* host/partner organizations.

If you would like to officially join SAwN as a member please could you fill out the membership form by clicking the link below:

[SAwN Membership Form 2018 .docx](#)

MEET THE TEAM

MARY MLAMBO

LUNGELO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

CHAIRPERSON

AFS VOLUNTEER FOR MANY YEARS, NOW SITS ON THE AFS INTERCULTURE BOARD, PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE YOUTH IN HER OWN NGO WHERE SHE ALSO HOSTS WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS.

ABEL MOTOKOLO

**LETSEMA CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT
AND DEMOCRACY**

DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON

HOSTS WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS IN HIS OWN NGO, HAS PASSION FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT , HAS IMMENSE EXPERIENCE WITH COMMUNITY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT IN GENERAL.

MEET THE TEAM

ROWEENA STEWART

AFS INTERCULTURE SA

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF AFS INTERCULTURE SA, HAS IMMENSE EXPERIENCE WITH EXCHANGE PROGRAMMES, PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

MANTOPI LEBOFA

TED BIOGAS

AN ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST, WHOSE PASSION LED HER TO START HER OWN NGO , HOSTS WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS IN HER NGO , PASSIONATE ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT LESOTHO, LESOTHO REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD..

GERRY GORDON

MOTHERS UNITE

WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH COMMUNITIES IN CAPE TOWN AS A COUNCILLOR , PASSIONATE ABOUT WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND DEVELOPMENT . HOSTS WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS IN HER OWN NGO.

MEET THE TEAM

HELDER LAICE

RENAICER

PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT , WORKS CLOSELY WITH CHILDREN, HOSTS WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS IN THE NGO HE WORKS IN, MOZAMBIQUE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD.

MPOLOKENG SETSWAMMUNG

VOICE OF A CHILD

DIRECTOR OF HER OWN NGO, WORKS CLOSELY WITH CHILDREN, HOSTS WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS, PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, BOTSWANA REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD..

DAMBISA DUBE

NETWORK COORDINATOR

PASSIONATE ABOUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AS A WHOLE , HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN YOUTH EMPOWERMENT, HAS WORKED CLOSELY WITH WELTWAERTS VOLUNTEERS AND ALUMNI/RETURNEES TO HELP REINTERGRATE THEM INTO THEIR COMMUNITIES . HAS EXCHANGE EXPERIENCE . SUPPORTS THE

MEMBERSHIP

Membership/ Composition:

- The members of SAwN will comprise of host organizations also known as partner organizations in the *weltwärts* programme in Southern Africa.
- A Board/Steering Committee that is a true representation of the Southern African Region needs to be elected at the official SAwN launch and partner conference due to take place much later in the year.
- The Board/Steering Committee will consist of representatives from the host organizations from each Southern African country that participate in the *weltwärts* programme.
- These board members will host regular regional meetings in their respective countries to hear all the grievances of the host organisations to ensure quality exchange.

Benefits of membership

1. Members will have an opportunity to contribute to the Manual of Good Practices in the framework of volunteering.
2. A collective voice is stronger than one- we can ensure quality exchange at a much faster pace as a collective.
3. Members will have one joint voice that communicate all grievances of host organizations to the *weltwärts* steering committee.
4. Innovative ways will be found to support and reintegrate returnees.
5. All members will be offered a feature on our quarterly letter.

How to stay in touch:

1. Our website and social media pages will be live by May 2018.
2. Quarterly newsletters will be sent to all members.
3. Please email us on southernafricanwnetwork@gmail.com or call us on 012 423 6304 for any queries.