

# TOWARDS SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC INCLUSION WEBINAR SERIES INVITE

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# INVITATION

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## Towards social and economic inclusion of youth in a post-Covid era

Young people in South Africa were already faced with significant challenges with regard to their social and economic inclusion prior to the Covid-related lockdown. Youth unemployment rates and rates of young people not in employment, education and training were already untenably high. We also know that in times of economic crises young people are the first to lose their jobs.

The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVr), the Centre for Social Development in Africa (CSDA) and the Library at the University of Johannesburg jointly host a three-part webinar series to highlight the effects of Covid-19 and the related lockdown on young people's lives; and consider solutions for both their social and economic inclusion in the post-Covid recovery period.

### WEBINAR 1: THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S LIVES

**DATE:** 8 October 2020

**TIME:** 12h00 – 13h30

### SPEAKERS

Assoc. Professor Ariane De Lannoy and Dr Gibson Muderiza will present on the results of a survey conducted by the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit at UCT in partnership with UNICEF. The survey assessed economic, health and mental health effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and related lockdown amongst young people across the country.

Prof Malose Langa will present on young Alexandra residents' perceptions of the COVID-19 restrictions and how it has affected their lives. These experiences were captured by Malose whilst he conducted research on young people's experiences of the Community Work Programme in Alexandra.

Ms Nellie Zembe is a Youth Program Subject Matter expert at Afrika Tikkun, an NPO with 5 Youth Community Centres in Johannesburg and Cape Town. Afrika Tikkun conducted a survey with families of 1600 beneficiaries during lockdown level 5 of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nellie's presentation highlights the challenges experienced by families as well as how Afrika Tikkun partnered with families to provide educational support.

## **WEBINAR 2: STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC INCLUSION IN THE RECOVERY PERIOD**

**DATE:** 22 October 2020

**TIME:** 12h00 – 13h30

### **SPEAKERS**

Assoc. Professor Lauren Graham will present on the results of a Systematic Overview of interventions that are in place to address youth unemployment and will provide insight into what types of interventions are more successful than others, as well as what the gaps in our suite of offerings are in the country.

A representative from Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator will be presenting on the National Pathway Management Network (NPMN) which aims to match young people with work or training opportunities more efficiently.

Jaynisha Patel from the Institute for Justice and Reconciliation (IJR) will be sharing youth-related insights from the institute's Inclusive Economies project.

## **WEBINAR 3: STRATEGIES TO PROMOTE SOCIO-POLITICAL INCLUSION IN THE RECOVERY PERIOD**

**DATE:** 04 November 2020

**TIME:** 12h00 – 13h30

### **SPEAKERS**

Prof Malose Langa will present on the results of CSVr's work on the role of the Community Works Programme in promoting social inclusion amongst young people.

Assoc Prof Lauren Graham will present on the importance of the whole person approach to addressing the challenges young people face, drawing on the work of the Basic Package of Support for NEET youth consortium.

Andile Shawe is a member of the Department of Social Development's Youth Advisory Centre in Alexandra, Johannesburg. In his presentation, Andile touches on the topics of food security during COVID as well as the benefits of youth inclusion and volunteerism during and beyond COVID.