



LEARNING HUBS

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ACT Ubumbano Learning Hub #3

The Development Action Group (DAG): Solidarity as facilitation: Giving voice to people's struggles!

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The Pine Road community in inner-city Cape Town has been neglected for more than two decades and have faced numerous attempts by the municipality to forcibly remove them to locations far away from their lives, history and livelihoods. The Development Action Group (DAG), acting in solidarity with this community, facilitated a set of processes and engagements which supported the people affected to actively engage the City of Cape Town to develop an appropriate solution to meet their housing needs.

Using the Pine Road victory as a case study, we will examine the complex set of skills, strategies and experience needed to facilitate change and to consolidate the gains that our activism brings.

Profiles



Aditya Kumar - Executive Director: Development Action Group

Previously, Adi worked as the Deputy Director at Community Organisation Resource Centre. Over the last fifteen years, he has worked on post disaster, post conflict and informal settlement upgrading across the world. His practice focuses on intersectoral partnerships, strengthening community action and housing policy.



Conrad Meyer - Project Officer: Development Action Group

Conrad is a Political Science and Economics professional with a strong interest in political economy. He started working at DAG as an intern before he became the Project Officer. Conrad says he enjoys working at DAG because the organisation has a knack for working strategically in the societal crevices where politics, economics and civil society collide in order to facilitate creative solutions to SA's developmental challenges.

Learning Hub Outline

TIME	DESCRIPTION
11h00 – 11h10	Welcome & Introductions
11h10 – 11h15	Purpose of the session
11h15 – 11h45	Interview
11h45 – 11h55	Questions of clarity
11h55 – 12h55	Facilitated open discussion
12h55 – 13h00	Wrap up and closing

Facilitators



Allan Moolman

Allan Moolman, the director of dala! Consulting Services, has over 15 years' experience working on international, community and social development programmes in Southern and East Africa. His practice has a focus on facilitating and supporting community-led social change. He is based in Durban and works with a wide range of non-profit organisations in South Africa and globally to support them to improve their practice and increase the effectiveness of their actions.



Thembela Njenga

Thembela is a transformational coach, development practitioner and organisational process facilitator who has passion for justice and aspires to see women live their truth, show up authentically and take up their place in the world without fear.

She has over 20 years of work experience working in local and international NGOs. In 2016 Thembela founded Womaniko Transforming Spaces, an organisation that works to cultivate authentic leadership for women to thrive in and out of work.