



SLF News Update

By Leif Petersen — Dear Friends,

Welcome to the fourth and final SLF newsletter of 2014. Considering the challenging broader South African macroeconomic situation, it has been a great year for us, with the Foundation growing from strength to strength in all aspects. We are now 18 staff members in a wide variety of roles and activities, all of whom share deeply in the vision of working towards a fairer deal for those who are economically and socially marginalised in South African society.

This newsletter reports on a number of outcomes for the last quarter, including the completion of the collaborative programme with the Institute for Development Studies (US) on gender based violence, ongoing research in Delft South to work with the local neighbourhood watch to map crime events in real time, the well-attended launch of the “Safe Shebeen” strategy in Sweet Home Farm, and the attendance of the World Parks Congress in Sydney by myself and Andrew Reid.

We are excited about 2015 with a range of work activities planned, including involvement in the Gauteng Township Revitalisation Strategy, working with the City of Cape Town towards a vision for the local informal economy, working on urban food security, health issue communications and traditional medicines. Furthermore we will take occupation of our newly refurbished offices in Wynberg (across the road from our current premises). In the first quarter of 2015 we also anticipate reviewing our organisational vision and mission, with a view to enhancing our collective organisational message and communication strategy.

We wish our staff, colleagues, friends and communities a safe holiday break and a prosperous 2015.

Regards

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Safe Shebeen Strategy Launched

By Bathulile Ntshingila — SLF hosted a Safe Shebeen exhibition event in Sweet Home Farm on the 29th of October 2014 with the aim of sharing the development phase process taken by the project for the past 10 months as well as launching the Safe Shebeen Strategy. This event was hosted in three different shebeens in Sweet Home Farm in order to expose new visitors to the context of the community and the kind of shebeen venues the project is working with.

All attendees received a presentation of the different project components comprising of Community Engagement, Shebeener Engagement and the Design Process, conducted in the three different venues. All visitors also walked away with an information pack pictured below.

Shebeeners received, as part of the Safety Strategy, a shebeener kit comprising several materials to use in the venues to enhance safety. This event was also aimed at introducing the Sweet Home Farm Rules Awareness Campaigns to educate the community on what different signs mean and the appropriate behaviour associated with it.



Attendees: Sweet Home Farm community members and their local leaders, colleagues from government, civil society, the liquor industry, academia and the media.



Nosipho (a Safe Shebeener) explains to attendees how being part of the Safe Shebeens Project has changed her view of doing business.

SLF donates 10 bikes to Delft South CPF

By Rory Liedeman - SLF is happy to report that a donation of 10 Butterfield and Robinson mountain bikes was very well received by the Delft South Community Policing Forum (CPF) and affiliated Neighbourhood Watch Forum (NWF) on 11 October 2014.

Arranged by SLF staff members Sally Petersen (AWOL Tours) and Rory Liedeman (Field Research Manager), the bikes will not only play a large role in assisting the community during neighbourhood watch patrols, but will also be used to roll out a pilot research study that aims to monitor crime and violence in the area. The project, *Crime and Violence mapping in Delft South (Cape Town)*, builds on previous SLF research on informal micro-enterprises in the area.

SLF, together with key members of the CPF, Delft NWF and The Safety Lab, will undertake a study of the occurrence of violence and its spatial distribution to better understand its impact on local businesses, public infrastructure and the broader community in general. In order to undertake this research, the research team will collaborate with the local neighbourhood watch and community members to systematically record the details of actual incidents of violence in the community. The study will generate the most reliable findings to date to reveal the nature of the crime and violence in one of the country's most dangerous townships. Additional safety gear, SLF branded t-shirts and a one day bike mechanic course was also supplied.



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Leif Petersen and Andrew Reid attends World Parks Congress

By Andrew Reid — SLF staff members Leif Petersen and Andrew Reid travelled to Australia in November to attend and present at the World Parks Congress (WPC) held in Sydney. Prior to the beginning of the conference, Andrew joined 28 other young people (WCPA Young Professionals) who are working on conservation-related projects around the world for a four day workshop held in the Blue Mountains. The collective were gathered to share their work with other inspired young people and to generate a Young People's Pact for presentation at the World Parks Congress. (The pact can be read at the following link: <http://wcpayp.org/pact>).

On Monday, 10 November, the group took a break from the workshop to take part in an ecorestoration and biofiltration project in The Gully, a declared Aboriginal Place in the Blue Mountains World Heritage Site. The Gully Traditional Custodians are working with the Blue Mountains Council to co-manage and restore

indigenous ecosystems.

Herbanisation was represented at the WPC in three presentations by Leif and Andrew and drew considerable interest from the delegates in attendance. While many presentations focused on health and wellbeing, along with protected areas in an urban context, few exhibited the innovative and cross-cutting approach taken by Herbanisation. This led to many great conversations with local and international colleagues about the potential for future collaborations. Herbanisation was chosen as a pilot project for the IPAS Panorama Solutions platform (<http://www.panorama.solutions/content/herbanisation-sustainable-livelihoods-foundation-0>) and will soon be featured on the CoalitionWILD website (<http://coalitionwild.org/>).

It has been an exciting year for the project and we look forward to further growth in 2015.



The Young Professionals collective during their ecorestoration project in the Blue Mountains.



Andrew presenting on Herbanisation in the Pushing Boundaries challenge session.



Leif presenting on Herbanisation during a session on Health and Wellbeing.



Andrew and some of the Young Professionals collective meet Christine Milne, leader of the Greens Party of Australia.