

Community Impact Lab

Unlock the Power of Locally-driven Innovation. | This 2-Day workshop is an immersive experience designed to enable diverse participants to co-create practical solutions to the most pressing challenges in their local communities - from the ground, up. Participants will learn how to strengthen local capability to diagnose problems, design empathetic solutions and test practical prototypes - to translate lived experience into sustainable, high-impact initiatives through multi-sector collaboration.

Core Topics: What You Will Learn

Local Challenge Mapping & Root Cause Analysis

Learn how to surface pressing challenges in your community and analyse their root causes

Human-centred, Locally-Led Design for Impact

Understand how to design principles that leverage local knowledge and strengths and centre end-users to co-design more effective solutions for your local context

Collaborative Best Practice

Learn from global best practice on locally-led development and principles used in community labs

Sustainable Models for Community-Based Initiatives

Explore how to finance and system long-term solutions to move beyond donor dependence

Implementation & Impact Measurement

Learn how to develop a basic implementation plan for a pilot project and how to track progress and measure impact.

Multi-sector Collaboration

Discover how local government, NGOs and community groups can work together on health and education innovations to mirror real-life collaboration needed for sustained, local impact.



format

2-Day In-person Workshop



date

Cape Winelands towns

- **9 - 10 Mar 2026 (Stellenbosch)**
- **TBC 2026 (Worcester)**
- **TBC 2026 (Wellington)**
- **TBC 2026 (Bonnievale)**
- **TBC 2026 (Ceres)**



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Who Should Attend?

Anyone eager to lead locally-driven change

- Community leaders, practitioners and youth champions working on local development
- Social entrepreneurs & innovators building ventures for underserved areas
- Local NGOs and CBOs engaged in service delivery or advocacy
- Municipal health and education officers or policymakers desiring community-driven approaches
- Corporate CSR teams and foundation representatives investing in community

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Your Facilitator

Jasmine Jacob is an impact consultant and facilitator who creates safe spaces for critical thinking, collective learning and experimentation to help individuals and groups understand and engage with complex problems.

From 2010, she worked with 17 different impact organisations and groups across South Africa creating clarity and shared understanding for collaboration across sectors and disciplines. Jasmine has since worked with multiple leaders, teams and networks in education, community development and homelessness to build the capacity for evidence-based decision making and effective communication to encourage trust and critical engagement.

Jasmine is a recipient of the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation entrepreneurial fellowship, has a BSc in Environmental Sciences, a PGDip in Sustainable Development with further training in Social Entrepreneurship & Systems Change and Adaptive Programme Management.



Programme Structure

Day 1

- Map local health and education ecosystems, the challenges and causes
- Apply empathy tools to understand lived realities
- Draw inspiration from local innovators and success stories.
- Select a focused problem area for each group to tackle during the Lab

Day 2

- Brainstorm and shape community-driven solutions using design thinking techniques
- Build simple prototypes and refine them through peer/mentor feedback.
- Explore sustainable models of business and multi-sector collaboration
- Outline a practical pilot plan with resources, early metrics, and next-step commitments

Practical Application

Each participant leaves with:

- Community needs assessment output
- Solution prototype and plan
- Training in design and implementation
- Networks and connections to resources and tools to enhance collaboration
- Understanding of how to unlock local innovation and support the empowerment of local actors