

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS EXCHANGE (IHRE)

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2009 Internship Host Organizations

Action Support Centre

The ACTION Support Centre was initially established in 2002 on the basis of a mandate to set up a communications hub for the network members of ACTION global. It has since transformed itself into a regional and continental base for organizations working in the fields of conflict and development. Through a focus on mobilization, building organizations, advocacy, facilitating training and initiating innovative forms of capacity building it has built a strong network movement that amplifies the voices of communities and links them to policy makers at different levels. With regional bases in Cambodia, Guatemala, South Africa and Serbia, ACTION members throughout the world are committed to the following broad vision, mission and values as they carry out strategies developed in response to local conditions.

ACTION's vision is built on these values and they guide all activities.

- Justice, equity and peace
- Non-violence and solidarity
- Awareness, sensitivity and empathy
- Inclusiveness
- Tolerance and respect for human dignity
- Universal human rights
- High quality of work and effectiveness
- Cooperation and collaboration
- Commitment
- Celebration of the richness of diversity
- Commitment to environmental awareness and active responsibility
- Openness, accountability and transparency

For more information: www.actionsupportcentre.co.za

AIDS Consortium

The AIDS Consortium was established in 1992 by Justice Edward Cameron, today a judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal, and other HIV/AIDS activists. Its objective is to promote a non-discriminatory response to HIV/AIDS based on people's basic human rights as enshrined in the South African constitution. The AC is a network organization primarily concerned with servicing people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through its affiliate constituencies. By providing communication, capacity, information, collective services, leadership and guidance to its affiliates, they are able to shape the response to HIV/AIDS in various communities. The AIDS Consortium is a human rights organization committed to openness and non-discrimination on the basis of HIV/AIDS. Interns placed at the Aids Consortium will be involved in:

- Workshops on basic HIV/AIDS, treatment literacy, monitoring and evaluation
- Information and resource program, Cyber Café, advocacy and networking
- Website and newsletter

For more information: www.aidsconsortium.org.za

Anti-Privatisation Forum (APF)

A social movement established in 2000 to organise and unite struggles against all forms of privatisation in the workplace and community, the Anti-Privatisation Forum (APF) links workers' struggles for a living wage with community struggles for housing, water, electricity, etc. It provides a forum to share experiences, strategize collectively and conduct community workshops. With over 20 different community affiliates, it works in several provinces around the country. The APF produces research reports, pamphlets and posters and engages with the mainstream media.

Since the APF is not a research NGO, it operates within a very informal and flexible environment with limited human and financial resources. Students wishing to intern here must be resourceful self-starters who take the initiative to work independently and without constant mentorship. The 2007 IHRE intern worked with the media team, updating the website and media contact database and assisting with production of *"The Struggle Continues"* newsletter. She reported and wrote for the latter and also participated in campaigns with APF affiliates. (Her work is on their website).

An IHRE student interning at APF will mainly be involved media work. The intern would be required to help with research for the production of the APF newsletter, to coordinate and liaise with APF affiliates for contributions regarding their events and campaigns, to write a few opinion pieces on APF or affiliate activities, and to generally help produce/distribute the newsletter. Some work on the APF website would be included. The APF also has video footage of various campaigns and would be keen to have someone with the technical skills to produce small documentary clips from this footage (not essential, however!)

For more information: www.apf.org.za

Central Methodist Church/ Albert Street School

The Central Methodist Church is situated in Central Johannesburg and is home to over 2,000 refugees from Zimbabwe. The Albert Street School is an informal school established to provide some form of schooling to the children refugees. It caters to over 80 children ranging from the age of 5 years to 22 years old. Most of the children attending the school are boys, the girls seem to find work in the informal sector, domestic workers and some are even forced into prostitution.

In 2008 the IHRE interns at the Central Methodist Church organized life skills workshops for the different classes. This create a platform for the children to share their life stories and be educated in different life skills ranging from HIV/AIDS prevention, combating peer pressure, healthy relationships, and suicide prevention.

Civil Society Watch/CIVICUS

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation is an international alliance of an estimated 100,000 members in about 100 countries that has worked for over a decade to strengthen, citizen action and civil society throughout the world, especially in areas where participatory democracy and citizen's freedom of association are threatened. CIVICUS has a vision of a global community of active, engaged citizens committed to the creation of a more just and equitable world. Their three main objectives are civic existence, civic expression, and civic engagement. CIVICUS core programmes include:

- Civil Society Index
- Civil Society Networks
- Civil Society Watch
- Knowledge Development & Dissemination
- Legitimacy, Transparency and Accountability
- Strengthening Participatory Governance
- CIVICUS World Assembly
- Millennium Development Goals (MDGS)/Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP).

In 2009, 2 interns will be based at CIVICUS and 1 at GCAP. Tasks will include monitoring and communications, such as: monitoring threats to civil society in a variety of countries and providing written updates for newsletters and website; researching and writing articles on issues related to freedoms of association, assembly and expression; and researching media contacts in selected countries. The main objective and preferred outcome from the interns' work is enhanced coverage of threats to civil society in the media. Strong communications skills in English (other languages are an advantage), and a background in media, politics, international relations, human rights or related fields are desirable.

For more information: www.civicus.org

The Edge Institute

The Edge Institute is an economic policy centre in Johannesburg that does research to promote sustainable growth, development and distributional equity. The Edge Institute provides in-depth analysis of the macro-economy and of industrial sectors, focusing on long-run trends and strengths and weaknesses in South Africa and other African countries. Through reports and publications, seminars and workshops, the Institute engages in debate about policy alternatives for South Africa's economic and social development. EDGE Institute research provides essential information for the analysis of business risk, including market risk and risks emerging from the socio-political and regional environment. The EDGE Institute research promotes four broad themes: 1) private sector development; 2) win-win links between equity and growth; 3) managed engagement with globalization; and 4) South Africa's role in Africa.

The 2008 IHRE intern participated in the following activities:

- Information gathering and processing: The Edge Institute runs a database on foreign investment and other economic issues which requires daily monitoring of the media, via internet, to extract relevant article and information.

- Downloading economic statistics and processing these to create charts and tables
- Web-design

For more information: www.the-edge.org.za

Freedom of Expression Institute

The Freedom of Expression Institute (FXI) was established in 1994 to protect and foster the rights to freedom of expression and access to information, and to oppose censorship. The Institute was formed from a merger of three organisations: Campaign for Open Media, Anti-Censorship Action Group and Media Defence Trust.

The FXI undertakes a wide range of activities in support of these objectives, including lobbying, education, monitoring, research, publicity and litigation and the funding of legal cases that advance these rights. In the process, it networks with, and collaborates with, a wide range of organisations locally and internationally.

The FXI will host one intern in the law clinic. The purpose of the FXI Law Clinic is to promote the objectives of freedom of expression and access to information through providing legal services for litigation and precedent setting cases in relation to freedom of expression. The Law Clinic aims to support applicants whose cases will contribute to a freer environment for freedom of expression and elimination of censorship. The Law Clinic provides FXI and its various programmes with general legal advice-broadly render legal services. Specifically:

- Provides expert legal advice and opinion on freedom of expression matters (free speech, media freedom, access to information)
- On referral by the various programme heads, gives legal advice to clients of FXI
- If need be, undertake litigation on behalf of FXI and/or its clients

For more information: www.fx.org.za

Forced Migration Studies Programme (FMSP) Wits University

Since its foundation in 1998, it has become a key reference point for academics, service providers, and policy makers. Its staff and associates conduct innovative, empirically grounded research and training on migration and humanitarianism in the African context together with select post-graduate students from across the continent and beyond. Supported by the University's extensive libraries and other resources, the programme provides critical research skills while contextualizing theoretical debates on migration, displacement, and humanitarianism in Africa. The programme's teaching is designed for students and practitioners seeking greater insight into the causes and consequences of migration in Africa from a global perspective. It provides an introduction for those new to the field and opportunity for reflection for those with practical experience. Based in Johannesburg – the heart of southern Africa's politics, culture, and economy – the FMSP's teaching and research staff include scholars from diverse geographic and disciplinary backgrounds.

The 2007 IHRE intern at FMSP successfully helped design and implement a research study on Zimbabwean migrants, and received a publication credit on the final publication, an unprecedented achievement for an undergraduate student! The IHRE interns from 2008 participated in the following projects:

- Evaluating the performance of government on refugee and migrant issues
- Assessed progress towards the realization of refugee and migrant rights in South Africa
- Foster an empirically informed and reasoned public dialogue around issues of immigration, asylum, xenophobia, and human rights

For more information: www.migration.org.za

Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action (GALA)



The advancement, development and rights of LGBTI people depend on an accurate record and representation of their struggles. Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action (GALA) mobilises memory by documenting and popularizing the lives and histories of LGBTI South Africans. In so doing it contributes to the development of pride, challenges homophobia and entrenches the rights of LGBTI people.

GALA was established under the name The Gay and Lesbian Archives in 1997, one year after the adoption of South Africa's new Constitution and its sexual orientation clause. In the words of the archives founder Graeme Reid, "It was a time to look back and recognize that something momentous had taken place. South Africa had set a precedent, and the records of how we did it seemed worth preserving." In order to raise public awareness and to fulfill its role as a community archive, GALA has implemented an outreach strategy that uses theatre and film productions as well as an innovative tour called "Queer Johannesburg," along with more traditional outreach methods such as exhibits.

For more information: www.gala.co.za

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity South Africa is a non-profit, non-governmental Christian housing organization dedicated to the elimination of poverty housing in South Africa and committed to making decent shelter a matter of conscience and action. Habitat for Humanity SA has over the past three years, developed a Special Needs Housing Programme to specifically address the desperate housing needs of caregivers taking care of orphans in rural and semi urban communities.

Habitat for Humanity in South Africa will host 2 interns this year. Interns will be part of a new project, which focuses on the growing need for housing of refugees living in South African and the consequences of the lack thereof.

For more information: www.habitat.org.za



Homeless Talk

Based on a model conceived by John Bird when, in 1991, he founded a street newspaper that was to be sold by the homeless themselves. He reckoned if this was fruitful, the homeless would rather sell than beg. It was a way of encouraging and supporting homeless people to gain a level of independence and income, placing the emphasis on self-support.

Homeless Talk improves the quality of life of street people by empowering them to be self-reliant and to positively contribute to society. Through the help of stakeholders Homeless Talk aims to minimize poverty, unemployment, homelessness and to improve the sustenance of healthy environmental living. It has always been the aim of the publication to be used as a tool to "help the homeless help themselves." Through this lies a form of empowerment that has seen many writers and vendors use the paper to save money, start their own businesses and/or move on to working with other mainstream publications. Homeless Talk continues to open doors for new aspiring writers from the street, offering training and increasing their resource database through research.

For more information: www.homelesstalk.org.za

Human Rights Institute of South Africa (HURISA)

The Human Rights Institute of South Africa has its roots in the Goldstone Commission of Inquiry. This commission, regarding the Prevention of Public Violence and Intimidation (under the chairmanship of Justice Richard Goldstone), was appointed by former State President FW De Klerk in 1991 to investigate the nature and causes of public violence and intimidation in South Africa and the persons involved therein. HURISA has transformed and established itself as an internationally recognized human rights training organization, and has expanded its training to the rest of the continent. It is an NGO that offers professional services towards the promotion of a human right culture, peace and democracy. HURISA works with civil society organizations, government departments and special target groups in South Africa.

For more information: www.hurisa.org.za

Jet Education Services

Since the beginning, Jet Education Services has focused on its mission to contribute to the transformation of the education sector in South Africa in the following ways:

- Serving the development of the most disadvantaged groups in South African society
- Mobilizing and coordinating resources between the public, private and civil sector
- Improving the quality of education and the relationship between education and the world of work
- Contributing to the process of long-term, fundamental change in the education and training system
- Showing measurable results.

Jet Education Services has several programmes:

- Workforce Development: Work in the field of adult skills development, skills counseling, and workforce assessment
- School Development and Support: Assessment of learners' performance, evaluating teaching and learning practices and analysis of management systems to ascertain which factors makes a difference in improving the quality of schooling
- Evaluation and Research

Jet Education Trust is willing to host 2 interns.

For more information: www.jet.org.za

Khulumani Support Group

The Khulumani ("speaking out" in Zulu) Support Group was formed in 1995 by survivors and families of victims of political conflict during apartheid. Set up in response to the pending Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to enhance people's access to TRC processes, Khulumani is a membership organization (with over 54 000 individual members) that continues to reach and support survivors of apartheid-era violations. Core functions include lobbying and advocacy for outstanding TRC issues (e.g. prosecution of those who failed to apply for amnesty); and the documentation of success stories. Khulumani has collected approximately 30,000 cases in their "*Creating Community*" project which geographically maps human rights violations across South Africa. Other focus areas include: gender, reparations, international and national lawsuits, training and skills advancement. Khulumani prepares biographies of people who disappeared. They assist in overcoming wrongful criminal records, developing exhumation policies for the disappeared, working up cases for possible prosecution, and compensation for loss of homes through forced displacement.

For more information: www.khulumani.net

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR)

Lawyers for Human Rights is a non-governmental, non-profit organization whose vision is to be:

- A leading, effective human rights and constitutional watchdog and advocate
- An international force in the development and delivery of human rights, with a primary focus in Africa
- A primary contributor to clear strategic policy on the delivery of socio-economic rights for the disadvantaged

LHR strives to promote awareness, protection and enforcement of legal and human rights through the creation of a human rights culture. LHR also undertakes a vigorous detention monitoring which documents the human rights abuses suffered by migrants in detention and deportation process, advocates for policy reform. Legal assistance is also given to those who have been unlawfully arrested and who are at risk of deportation.

For more information: www.lhr.org.za

Legal Resources Centre (LRC)

The LRC is a law clinic that seeks creative and effective solutions by using a range of strategies, including impact litigation, law reform, participation in partnerships and development processes, education and networking within and outside South Africa.

The Legal Resources Centre is an independent, client-based, non-profit public interest law clinic which uses law as an instrument of justice. It works for the development of a fully democratic society based on the principle of substantive equality, by providing free legal services for the vulnerable and marginalised, including the poor, homeless, and landless people and communities of South Africa who suffer discrimination by reason of race, class, gender, disability or by reason of social, economic, and historical circumstances. Inspired by our history, the Constitution, and international human rights standards, the Legal Resources Centre, both for itself and in its work, is committed to:

- Ensuring that the principles, rights, and responsibilities enshrined in our national Constitution are respected, promoted, protected, and fulfilled;
- Building respect for the rule of law and constitutional democracy;
- Enabling the vulnerable and marginalised to assert and develop their rights;
- Promoting gender and racial equality and opposing all forms of unfair discrimination;
- Contributing to the development of a human rights jurisprudence; and
- Contributing to the social and economic transformation of society

For more information: www.lrc.org.za

Market Photo Workshop

The Market Photo Workshop is a training institution offering various courses in analogue and digital photography in addition to promoting photography through public debates, exhibitions as well as running outreach programmes for marginalized communities. Since its establishment in 1987, it has expanded to become renowned photographic resource centre with many of its graduates working in the local media and elsewhere. In 2005 the Market Photo Workshop launched its Photojournalism and Documentary Photography Programme. Back and Forth is a photo-documentary project of the International Organization of Migration (IOM) in collaboration with the Market Photo Workshop. Its objective is to highlight the activities of informal cross border traders in Southern Africa, particularly to socio-economic factors that increase their vulnerability to diseases like HIV and AIDS.

For more information: www.marketphotoworkshop.co.za

Planact

Planact is a non-governmental development organisation working mainly in the urban areas of Gauteng. The organisation is committed to local development for the poor within an integrated framework. Planact aims for strategic interventions in the areas of local government transformation, and community development that can result in social upliftment. They do this through networking with like-minded organisations, training, technical advice and assistance, research and advocacy at policy levels. Planact supports and mobilises community processes that enhance good governance at the local level to improve people's habitable environments in ways that alleviate poverty. People that

lack access to habitable environments will be able to defend existing gains and advance the collective interest of the poor and marginalised.

For more information: www.planact.org.za

ProBono.Org

ProBono.Org is a non-profit organization that provides services to poor community-based organizations and public interest law institutions with a focus on matters in the public interest. By public interest, they refer to issues of broad public concern or issues which impact on disadvantaged or marginalized groups or matters which affect a significant number of people. They offer consultations with individuals or groups who cannot afford commercial legal fees and who have matters which are in the public interest; referrals of public interest matters with good merits to law firms; and training/workshops/seminars on relevant public interest topics for NGOs and law firms. In addition, they track developments in public interest jurisprudence, alert NGOs and law firms on developments in public interest jurisprudence, facilitate collaborations between public interest law research facilities and between law firms, NGOs, and other public interest organizations, and access support from international pro bono entities.

For more information: www.probono-org.org.za

Reproductive Health and HIV Research Unit (RHRU)

The RHRU is one of the largest training and research units affiliated with Wits. It is recognized as a leading institution in field of HIV/AIDS and reproductive health and has been designated a World Health Organization (WHO) Collaborating Center. Since 1994, the RHRU has provided extensive technical assistance to the National and Provincial Departments of Health, including Anti-Retroviral (ARV) roll out planning, STIs, barrier methods, maternal health, high transmission areas and family planning. RHRU strives to be an internationally renowned South African academic institution respected for its contribution to the field of sexual & reproductive health and HIV, bridging gaps between policy, research, and service delivery.

In 2008 RHRU hosted 4 IHRE interns who were involved in:

- Refugee Support Services: Running life skills programmes for refugees; training refugees in English literacy; and documenting the stories of refugees in relation to the health system.
- Youth Friendly Sexual and Reproductive Health Services: Life skills for youth (in-school and out-of-school) with a focus on sexual and reproductive health; marketing clinic services in schools; youth VCT campaigns; and documenting the stories of young people living with/affected by HIV.
- Sex Worker Exit Programme: Running life skills programmes with a focus on job skills and self-presentation skills and documenting stories of those who are/have managed to exit the sex work industry.
- Men and HIV: Running life skills programmes for boys and/or men with a focus on relationships and gender sensitivity and documenting best practice work in the health field with men.

- Research & Writing: Gathering data; writing personal stories; and writing up best practice (generally: could include writing up the stories of hospital/clinic patients, nurses/doctors, clinic systems, etc.)
- Children's Education and Art Programmes: Running programmes for children that educate around sexuality and HIV, e.g., using art, drama, poetry and music as medium.

For more information: www.rhru.co.za

SABC News International – African Views

African Views is a daily talks show at SABC Africa that is aired during Prime Time (20h00 to 21h00 CAT) throughout the continent. African Views aims to engage the continent on issues that affect Africa and her people on an interactive platform. They have raised awareness on issues like female genital mutilation, child soldiers, climate change and global warming and religion to mention but a few. Viewers participate with the panel by means of telephone calls, text messages, e-mails and occasionally studio audiences interacting with panel. They have hosted a number of influential political and business leaders.

At African Views the intern will be part of the team that researches and puts AV together. This requires:

- Coming up with topic suggestions that are relevant to the African continent
- Researching topics
- Liaising and organizing relevant guests to discuss topics on show
- Producing inserts on specific topics for the show and finding required material

A good knowledge and genuine interest of current affairs and African issues would be advisable as well as an interest in media or journalism.

For more information: www.sabc.co.za

Sonke Gender Justice Project

Since February 2006, the Sonke Gender Justice Project has addressed the social and physiological aspects of the HIV epidemic, with a particular focus on gender. They work to build government, civil society, and citizen capacity to achieve gender equality, prevent gender-based violence, and reduce the spread of HIV and the impact of AIDS. Their work is on various levels including: policy development and implementation, rights-based advocacy, coordination, training and technical assistance, and the promotion of positive shifts in social norms through media and other materials on HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence. Currently, Sonke is working with refugees on a refugee and migrant project in the Johannesburg area. The project proposes to work with refugees in these areas with a focus on youth, young adults, and adults through peer outreach and education as well as workshops on HIV prevention and treatment literacy & the links between gender inequalities and HIV/AIDS.

For more information: www.sonkegenderjustice.org.za



Soul City Institute for Health & Development Communication

The Soul City Institute for Health and Development Communication (SC IHDC) is a social change project which aims to impact on society at the individual, community and socio-political levels. SC IHDC is South Africa's premier edutainment project. A non-governmental organisation, it was established in 1992 at a time when South Africa was on the cusp of democratic change. It is a health promotion organisation, subscribing to the principles of the World Health Organisation's Ottawa Charter. According to the Ottawa Charter, health is a product of a range of intersectoral actions that include building an enabling environment, advocacy for health public policy, community action, developing personal skills and re-orientating the health services towards a health promotion approach. While many health projects focus on influencing the individual alone, SC IHDC views good health as a product not simply of individual choices, but as the product of an enabling environment in which the structural barriers to achieving health and development are removed.

Soul City IHDC also views health and development as integrally related: poor health impedes development and development is central. They work to make an improvement in people's health and quality of life by:

- Harnessing the power of the mass media
- Developing high quality education materials through thorough research and evaluation involving the communities they serve
- Ensuring the sustainability of their efforts through sound business principles and practices
- Being strong advocates for health and development
- By measuring their impact on health and development
- Striving for integrity, equity and respect for diversity
- Being committed to their staff and the communities they serve
- Valuing commitment and striving for excellence in all they do

For more information: www.soulcity.org.za

South African Human Rights Commission

The SAHRC is a constitutionally-mandated national institution for the promotion and protection of human rights. It seeks effective redress for such violations; monitors and assesses the observance of human rights, raises awareness of human rights issues; and provides education and training on human rights. Since inauguration in 1995, the Commission has been committed to ensuring that the noble ideals expressed in the Constitution are enjoyed by all South Africans and works with government, civil society and individuals to fulfill its mandate.

For 2009, the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) has between 5 and 8 internships available. Interns would be involved in one or more of the following:

- Media Issues: Editing and writing of press releases, analyzing, monitoring and scanning of media reports.
- Promotion of Access to Information Act of 200 PAIA: This is an act that stipulates that everybody has the right of access to "any information held by the state" and "any information

held by another person and that is required for the exercise or protection of any rights. The Commission advances the implementation of the act through the following: public awareness training, public bodies, law reform, private bodies, and research.

- Outreach Programmes: Assisting with human rights education within in the different communities and analyze reports from outreach programmes.
- Website Management

For more information: www.sahrc.org.za

South African Institute of Race Relations (SAIRR)

The South African Institute of Race Relations was established in 1929, it was the first national multiracial organization to work for goodwill and to conduct research into race relations. The object of the SAIRR is to work for peace, goodwill and practical co-operation between various sections and races of the population of South Africa. The Institute is independent from government and all political parties and sees its role as to serve its members and the country at large in order to make South Africa the political and economic success of the continent. The institute investigates the success surrounding social and economic conditions in South Africa and disseminates these facts as widely as possible, thereby promoting best practice and policy to address issues such as poverty and inequality, and promote economic growth.

For more information: www.sairr.org.za

South African Non Governmental Organization Network (SANGONET)

SANGONET was founded in 1987, and has developed into a dynamic civil society organization with a history closely linked to the social and political changes experienced by South Africa during its transition to democracy. SANGONET's vision is to be a strategic leadership organization influencing social transformation through ICTs (Information and Communication Technologies). The organization strives to contribute to a just, equitable and prosperous Southern African society, where the impact and contribution of sustainable development programmes are supported by appropriate, relevant and affordable ICT solutions. SANGONET's mission further is to support the effective use of ICTs in Southern African civil society organizations by providing quality services and initiatives. It exists for the purpose of facilitating access, sharing information, building capacity, raising awareness, enhancing reach and impact and linking people and organizations through the use of ICTs in South Africa.

For more information: www.sangonet.org.za

Steve Biko Foundation

The Steve Biko Foundation is inspired by the development legacy of the man Bantu Steve Biko. Biko's approach emphasized the importance of the connection between identity, agency and change. It focused on the inextricable link between the individual and society, between history and biography. Through this link the individual internalizes influences from their society that come to determine his

or her role in the community. In turn, the individual plays out their life in a way that contributes to the history of that society.

The Foundation recognizes that since 1994, South Africa has done well in setting policies for development, defining clear targets in relation to the tangible aspects of development such as houses, water and electricity. The next few decades present the challenge of delivery. The delivery phase requires the active participation of not just government but all South Africans. Agency is, however, a function of a peoples' sense of identity. A people with a sense of who they are, and a sense of common purpose, are better able to imagine who they can become.

The vision of the Biko Foundation is to be the premier independent promoter of the values that Steve Biko lived and died for: restoring people to their true humanity. The mission of the Biko Foundation is to:

- Create spaces for critical analysis and engagement with vital socio-economic and political issues in order to strengthen democracy
- Foster the intangible but essential community building blocks: history, identity, culture and values, as the foundation of leadership and agency at the level of individual and community
- Develop leadership at every level to enhance civic participation in the political, economic and cultural life of society
- Nurture and affirm fundamental human values

For more information: www.sbf.org.za

Street Law Project

Street Law is practical, participatory education about law, democracy, and human rights. It is a service-learning program that connects university students with prisons, schools, and youth organizations through workshops on democracy and human rights. Originally designed at Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, DC, Street Law was aimed at training law students to teach high school students and others about their legal rights and where they might obtain legal assistance. In essence, the program explains to people “on the street” how the law affects them in their daily lives. Street Law also encourages people to think critically about the legal system and to consider alternative forms of dispute resolution such as mediation, arbitration, and negotiation when dealing with conflict.

2007 IHRE interns helped design and conduct training at schools and prisons and also sat in on some street law lectures and seminars. One intern spent his mid-semester break on a Street Law Project in a rural area of the country. In 2009, Street Law will host interns, who will once again work primarily on the schools and prisons initiatives.

For more information: www.streetlaw.org
www.lawteacher.ac.uk

Transparency International South Africa (TISA)

TISA's vision is a world in which government, politics, business, civil society and the daily lives of people are free of corruption. As part of an international movement against corruption, TISA commits itself to combating corruption in the public and private sector and in civil society through networks of integrity. Recognizing that corruption is a problem affecting development internationally and in South Africa, and one which prejudices socio-economic justice, TISA undertakes to:

- Further transparency, accountability and integrity in South African society,
- Further good governance
- Monitor corruption locally and elsewhere
- Develops networks of integrity against corruption

For more information: www.tisa.org.za

Tshwaranang Legal Centre (TLAC)

TLAC was established in 1996 to use the law as a tool for social change for women who were survivors of gender-based violence. Initially, TLAC confined its work to education and training and legal advocacy. In 2005, TLAC expanded its work to include a legal services unit and a research and policy unit. In 2007, they took another step and opened a second office in Mpumalanga. This office provides legal services to abused women and survivors of rape and gender-based violence and women's health issues in order to identify gaps and opportunities for strengthening a multi-sectoral response to gender-based violence.

For more information: www.tlac.org.za

Women's Net

Women'sNet is a feminist organisation that works to advance gender equality and justice in South Africa through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). We provide training and facilitate content dissemination and creation that supports women, girls, and women's and gender organisations and networks to take control of their own content and ICT use. Launched in March in 1998 as a joint initiative of South African Non-Governmental Organization Network (SANGONET) and the Commission on Gender Equality (CGE), Women's Net works to advance the gender equality and justice in South Africa through the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) by providing training and facilitating content dissemination and creation that supports women, girls, and gender organizations and networks to take control of their own content and ICTs used. Recognizing that ICTs are a gendered tool, Women's Net seeks to address imbalances in the access and meaningful use of ICTs through research and advocacy for gender aware ICT programmes and policies at all levels of society. Women's Net builds women's organizational capacity to use technology strategically to find the people, resources, tools and content they need to social action.

For more information: www.womensnet.org.za