



NEWSLETTER SECOND TERM 2021

**Wow, what a special year this is!
The WCFID turns 50 years old this year, and we plan to celebrate with ALL our members!**

As part of our celebrations, we are publishing our 'memoirs' - a lovely illustrated book recording the history of the WCFID so far. We have beautiful memories, both written and photographic, captured by the many people who have been instrumental in our rich history.

Following the 50 Year Celebration in July, we will be giving away a complimentary copy of this book to each paid-up membership for centres, organisations and individual members (current membership 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022).

A little taste to whet your appetite....

This publication reflects on a half century of incredible work directed at building the capacity of carers and other service providers to improve the quality of life of children, adolescents and adults with intellectual disability and their families in the Western Cape Province. The collective determination and powerful commitment of a small group of parents, a few professionals, founder organisations and interested community members 50 years ago has grown over the decades into a robust organisation with its 'ear to the ground of local need', and its 'hand to the plough' of supporting a large network of equally committed service organisations. While the range of work has expanded, the core aim of the Forum – to ensure that people with intellectual disability are able to reach their full potential to learn, live, work, socialise and bring their talents to bear within broader society, with full dignity and respect, on par with other citizens – has remained the focus of the training, advocacy and development work of this important organisation. Perusal of the publication throws into relief many foundational strengths that underpin the success and longevity of the Forum, as will be evident to readers as they enjoy the historical tour of the work detailed herein...

... It is my sincerest wish that the Forum will bring us another 50 years – and more – of inspiring work in its efforts to contribute to improving the quality of life of people with intellectual disability.

Sharon Kleintjes
Vera Grover Professor of Intellectual Disability, University of Cape Town.

Training Programme:

With all the holidays during April this year, we have tried not to schedule any training, but if anything compelling arises, we will notify you via e-mail.

Here's what you can expect from our training team for the remainder of the year:

- * A varied online webinar programme will be available from May – November 2021.
- * A special 'Right to Protection' webinar series for Child Protection Month will be presented in May 2021.
- * The Forum is updating the 'Understanding Intellectual Disability' videos and these will be available towards the second half of the year.
- * A five week 'All About Me: Life skills and Sexuality Online Course' will be released in July 2021. This course will provide CPD points with HPCSA, SACSSP and SACE.
- * The WCFID 50 Year Celebration event will be held in July 2021 and will see the launch of the anniversary book.

If there are any specific topics you would like us to present, please email Aimee programmes@wcfid.co.za



KN95 masks distributed

The WCFID was privileged to be able to distribute a small donation of KN95 masks to a number of member centres during February and early March this year. This was made possible by the generosity of Naspers, and will help keep everyone in our community safe and healthy.



Please note that invoices for the new membership period, 01 April 2021 to 31 March 2022, will be sent out this month.

Membership numbers (which change every year) are allocated after payment has been received and are shown on the new membership certificate.

If your centre or organisation is a member (membership fees have been paid) of the WCFID, you are automatically granted membership.

You may choose to join in your individual capacity in which case you will have to complete a membership form and pay membership fees.

Your continued support during a very difficult time for all South Africans is highly valued.

When paying your membership fees, please use the reference as stated on your invoice. It makes it much easier for us to track your payment!

The WCFID is looking for a Community Liaison Officer (preferably a Therapist/Social Worker/Educator)

The position of Community Liaison Officer has arisen (part-time, 20 - 25 hours per week), preferably for an occupational therapist, social worker or educator with an interest in disability, training, online learning and community development. The Forum is a support body for service providers in the intellectual disability community, works throughout the Western Cape, with their offices based in Maitland, Cape Town.

The role of the Community Liaison Officer includes but is not limited to:

1. Working with the training team in planning the training programme for the community of intellectual disability
2. Training at workshops on in-house content when required
3. Assisting with all logistics for the roll out of the above programme including arrangements with presenters, venue booking or Zoom links, CPD applications, RSVP's, catering and technology required
4. Management of post training administration, including completing attendance registers and emailing attendance certificates
5. Post training monitoring and evaluation
6. Networking (face to face and online) and site visits as required
7. Assisting in building the WCFID online presence and community
8. Recording statistics and writing reports for the director to be used for relevant funding reports
9. Assisting with enquiries.

Requirements:

1. Appropriate degree/qualification and registration with relevant professional body
2. Interest in adult education and ability to both facilitate and train at training workshops
3. Interest and knowledge in community development
4. Excellent organisational and administrative skills
5. Must be computer literate and comfortable with Microsoft Office, Internet usage – including Zoom and social media platforms
6. Ability to capture and analyse data and write reports
7. Ability to work independently as well as part of a team
8. An interest and understanding of social media for community engagement will be an advantage
9. Fluency in English and isiXhosa / Afrikaans, spoken and written
10. Manual driver's license
11. Flexibility, as well as a willingness to handle / address a range of duties
12. Willingness to travel (occasionally)
13. Minimum 3 years' working experience\

Please note, short listed candidates will be required to give consent for various compliance screening such as references, credit and police clearance checks.
Able to start in June 2021

Fax or e-mail your 2 page CV with three contactable references to:
The Director, WCFID.

E-mail: info@wcfid.co.za

Closing date: 16 April 2021. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted. We reserve the right to not appoint and re-advertise this post should a suitable candidate not be found.

CVs longer than 2 pages will be discarded.

