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Inyathelo Workshop

CSV hosted a two-day fundraising skills workshop at our office, facilitated by Inyathelo. The aim of the workshop was to enhance our staff's capabilities in proposal writing and fundraising.



Masibamisane ngoKholo GBVF Programme Workshop

Nomancotsho and Lindokuhle represented CSV at the Masibamisane ngoKholo GBVF programme training workshop, hosted by the Centre for Black Thought and African Studies at Bedfordview Methodist Church. The workshop aimed to develop innovative community models for addressing GBVF. Noma led a session on accelerating GBVF responses through community-led platforms.



African Philanthropy Conference

Karen attended the 5th Annual African Philanthropy Conference in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. The conference aimed to address the dynamic and significant changes reshaping African philanthropy, with a focus on emerging trends, innovative strategies, and their potential impacts on traditional philanthropic models.



8th Es'kia Mphahlele Colloquium

Nomancotsho presented at the 8th Es'kia Mphahlele Colloquium at Wits University. She contributed to a roundtable discussion on the book *Wondering Hand[s] and Spirited Ink*, to which she has made a significant contribution.





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WANEP Collaboration

Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR) and the West African Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP) held a collaborative engagement meeting at the WANEP Office in Accra, Ghana. During the meeting, both organisations formalized their commitment to collaboration by signing an MOU, reflecting shared aspirations and values.



IAFFE2024

Jasmina Brankovic was invited to present her participatory action research on 'Violence, Inequality and Transformation: Apartheid Survivors on South Africa's Ongoing Transition' on the International Development Economics Association panel on gender, conflict and development at #IAFFE2024



Norwegian Embassy

Carol Seatlanyane, and Buhle Saleni, attended the unveiling of the names of key Norwegian anti-apartheid activists on Freedom Park's "Wall of Names and viewing of the exhibition: "African Independence. Norwegian Solidarity". This event highlighted the history of South Africa and the significance of offering solidarity to the vulnerable and oppressed, it served as a powerful reminder that we enjoy our freedom today because of the sacrifice and bravery of those who came before us.



Second Parliamentary Dialogue

Amina Mwaikambo attended the second Parliamentary Dialogue between Members of Parliament and Civil Society Organisations during the 3rd Ordinary Session of the 6th Assembly of the Pan-African Parliament. The purpose of the Parliamentary Dialogue was to engage Members of Parliament on the progress made in implementing the recommendations made during the first Parliamentary Dialogue in 2023. The dialogue was attended by CSOs who aimed to contribute to approaches and address key gaps within the African Union and the Pan-African Parliament.





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ICRC Briefing session

Bobuin Jr Valery and Amina Mwaikambo were invited by ICRC Deputy Regional Director for Africa for a closed briefing session that was centred on Sudan as an under recognised armed conflict and humanitarian crisis. The briefing and dialogue provided the opportunity to showcase CSVSR's presence in Sudan, and share some of the work that CSVSR has been able to conduct since April 2023, including advocating for human rights and providing an understanding of trauma management in crisis contexts for human rights activists and practitioners in Sudan



New Staff

CSVSR is delighted to welcome four new interns through our FirstRand programme. We are excited about their arrival and look forward to witnessing their growth and contributions at CSVSR.



Baby Onboard

Gerard Adema and his wife recently welcomed their first child. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and his family on this joyous occasion.



SAWG Review Report

The Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVSR) proudly contributed to South Africa's second Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the SDGs. We are excited to share this report from the South African CSOs Working Group on SDGs (SAWG), which complements the official VNR by highlighting grassroots voices and key challenges in SDG delivery. This report aims to amplify marginalized communities and promote multi-stakeholder engagement, adhering to the "Leaving No One Behind" principle.





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Early School Years Symposium

Zanele Zondo attended a Symposium on Investing In The Early School Years which was held at the University of Johannesburg. The focus was on lessons from a community of practice for strengthening school-based care and support services.



Chicago school of Professional Psychology visit

Gugu S, Sumaiya and Gaudence hosted a group of PhD psychology students from the Chicago school of Professional Psychology who visited CSVR as part of their local field experience trip in South Africa. They visited CSVR as one of the organizations in Gauteng that works with trauma and focus on mental health support.



Implementation & Domestic Impact Conference

Cathy-Ann Potgieter and Mary Izobo attended the conference on the implementation and domestic impact of the decisions of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights.



Ford Foundation Convening

Gugu Nonjinge represented CSVR at the Ford Foundation Office for Southern Africa Partner Convening.





Museum of Literature Ireland

Naledi Joyi and Liezelle Kumalo were in Dublin Ireland at the Museum of Literature Ireland (MoLI) with Dr Caitriona Dowd from the University College Dublin for a presentation and roundtable discussion on the direct policy implications of new research on how gendered food insecurity features in global peacebuilding policy and the Women, Peace & Security agenda.



Embassy of South Africa in Ireland

CSVR with our partner UCD met with the Embassy of South Africa in Ireland to discuss supporting the work of the gendered dimensions of hunger in peacebuilding. The Embassy team agreed to be a convener of events for the project to disseminate to the African Diplomatic Corps in Ireland.



International Day in Support of Victims of Torture event

CSVR together with the June 16 ,1976 foundation hosted a commemoration event for the International Day of In Support of Victims of Torture. The event aimed to raise awareness about the crime of torture, honour survivors, and advocate for their rights worldwide.

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Irish NAP

Catriona, Liezelle and Naledi presented to the oversight group for the development of the NAP providing practical recommendations for upcoming Irish NAP.





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EU -AU experts Seminar on TJ

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AU-EU TJ Seminar

CSVSR participated in the EU-AU Experts' Seminar on Transitional Justice in Brussels. The aim of the seminar was to address historical violations, current challenges, and future threats in Africa and Europe.



Annah panel discussion

Our Executive Director, Annah Moyo-Kupeta providing reflections on "Addressing trauma in the context of mass atrocity" in the first panel of the AU-EU Experts Seminar on Transitional Justice in Brussels, Belgium.



Gugu panel discussion

Gugu Shabalala shared reflections during panel 2 on designing & implementing effective MHPSS intervention in TJ Processes.



Mary Izobo participating in the seminar

Mary Izobo is joined by panelists Shuvai Busuman Nyoni, Director at the African Leadership Centre Social Justice organisations.





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Advocacy Webinar

In commemoration of Africa Day, the Advocacy team hosted a webinar on emerging challenges and threats to transitional justice



CSVSR35 Webinar

The communication team hosted a CSVSR35 webinar to celebrate 35 years of impact on advancing human rights and addressing social justice issues



Social media marketing seminar

Carol attended the Social Media Marketing summit organized by Afrika Tikkun. The summit included industry experts in communication sharing practical tips essential for communication professionals.



Ford RH project Workshop

Elizabeth conducted a 2-day workshop at the CSVSR office for the GBV pillars from the Kuhluka Movement. The workshop focused on Peer Support, Community mapping and Referral Pathways.





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DBE SOCIAL LAB

Nonsi in partnership with DBE for the Social Lab on innovative GBV prevention hosted a community dialogue with boy learners on their understanding of masculinities. The objective of these dialogues is to foster positive masculinities in boy learners. This engagement part was of our research and the CSVSR research team led with the development of the research questions and analysis of the findings.



COMESA

A collaborative and productive meeting was held between the Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation and COMESA on May 6th, 2024, at the COMESA Secretariat in Lusaka, Zambia. The meeting aimed to continue to explore the synergies in governance, violence prevention, conflict transformation, peace, and security initiatives between both organisations.



Peace and Reconciliation in TJ

Imran gave a presentation in The Gambia, on 'Peace and Reconciliation in Transitional Justice. The presentation was part of the Law lecture Series organized by the Women's Association for Victims' Empowerment and the African Centre for Legal Research and Training for Law Students from the University of The Gambia.



Strengthening social justice organisations

Gaudence and Modiegi provided MHPSS training to Friends for Child Development in Harare, Zimbabwe as part of strengthening Social Justice organisations.

