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Creating the conditions for long-term sustainable societal change - a focus on youth.



Young people are already actively involved in various different projects in South Africa, however long term conditions for sustainable change are difficult to create and implement.

It requires people of integrity, trust, who are above corruption, with a vision for the future and who are able to inspire others - team builders!

This workshop is a taster designed to help young people develop these qualities, qualities of Character, through their learning journey. This workshop will look at how to create the conditions for greater long term collaboration, ownership and empowerment

for the work/ project/ organisation you are involved in, for a better South Africa.



At this workshop you will; meet other inspired youth, get equipped with practice tools for personal development, better understand the essence of IofC as a foundation for team-building, trust-building and community development, discuss attitudes and values for local development, develop interpersonal and group communication skills and build links with others to enable future partnerships. You will be presented the theory of Initiatives of Change and the four standards of Honesty, Purity, Unselfishness and Love - these ideals are proved to be essential for any process of human development. There will be group discussions to share experiences and ideas or solving a problem together, time for silent reflection and Story-sharing. This workshop allows you to gain access to future support and to be part of a network of inspired youth in Johannesburg, Bloemfontein and Pretoria.

Our Vision is, for our participants to become the change we want to see in the world. Where we think globally and act locally and where we base our actions on the principles of the international movement Initiatives of Change. We hope to empower the next generation of South Africa through their commitment and vision for the future, to recognise that there can be a way out of strife and to exchange ideas to face the challenges concerning their communities.

The workshop is for high potential youth who want to explore inner and outer dimensions of change and initiate and sustain positive change in their lives and communities.

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