

LOUISE VAN RHYN

Louise van Rhyne is a social entrepreneur and education activist in South Africa, with a passion for igniting active citizenship across all sectors of society.



She believes the world's huge, intractable problems can be solved through cross-sector collaboration and a solid understanding of complex social change.

Her approach to change is shaped by more than 25 years of working as an Organisational Change practitioner. She holds a Doctorate in Complex Social Change and has founded a few entrepreneurial organisations. She has worked with diverse local and global organisations, across all sectors, and in many countries.

In 2008, Louise founded Symphonia – a group of organisations committed to sustainable transformation in schools, organisations and communities throughout the world. In 2010 she started the School at the Centre of Community social change process, and the Partners for Possibility leadership development and principal support process.

Partners for Possibility creates an opportunity for business leaders and school principals to partner in a year-long leadership development programme. Both partners develop their leadership skills in an accredited, facilitated programme that is uplifting under-resourced schools across South Africa and placing them back at the centre of the communities in which they find themselves.

Louise has a keen interest in Neuroscience and has been using new insights from NeuroLeadership to inspire leaders to create organisations that are truly “fit for human life”. She is inspired on a daily basis by the vision for a flourishing South Africa, as espoused in the country's Vision 2030 document.

Louise is a sought-after speaker at international conferences, where her presentations never fail to ignite conversations around possibility and a flourishing future for all.

She has found enormous joy and a huge sense of purpose from being part of a cross-sectoral, collaborative process where citizens are being mobilised to reclaim responsibility for raising and educating South Africa's children.

Louise has experienced what is possible when citizens rediscover their sense of identity and belonging in community, and is excited about the opportunity to explore the links between community, citizenship (purpose and identity) and wellbeing.