

rise

Relationships Inspiring
Social Enterprise

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Supporting project:

in loco

Lesotho 2017-18

design and build training program



OVERVIEW

rise - Relationships Inspiring Social Enterprise, forms part of BOND Events' social responsibility program. rise's mission is to connect social entrepreneurs from low- income countries with resources (such as funding and industry experts) they would otherwise not have access to, in order to inspire their growth and fulfill their potential.

Our first project will be to link an orphanage in Lesotho, "God's Love Centre" with social enterprise and architecture experts. Together we will develop a social entrepreneurship program which will transform the orphanage from being 100% reliant on donations to raising some of its own revenue and creating jobs for the young adults at the orphanage. We will do this in partnership with an architectural design and build training program called "**in loco**".

in loco has an innovative and unique approach to the Design and Build overseas workshop. Created to have a real impact in the lives of all participants our approach builds on the Live Projects teaching model and learning from life, skills sharing and capacity building.

in loco engages with local communities, local NGOs, students and young graduates from local architecture and construction courses, as well as international participants with an interest in

architecture, development, sustainability and the built environment.

This year's inaugural project takes us to Maseru the capital of Lesotho, a country land locked inside of South Africa. Here, together with students from technical colleges and institutions plus facilitators from local INGOs, who will carry out much needed construction work to improve the quality of life for orphans who currently live in cramped conditions in an existing orphanage called God's Love Centre (GLC).

Following a "hands-on, bottom-up" approach, we will be working in close collaboration with members of the local community on the completion of this building and simultaneously start the design and construction of new dormitories, facilities and external play areas. At the same time, a social entrepreneurship and mentorship training program will be run for 21 youths aged between 16 and 20 and also to the existing God's Love Centre team. This program will focus on skills needed to initiate social ventures.



God's Love Centre - currently houses more than 54 children in just 2 dormitories with only 4 toilets and showers

WHAT

in loco is a residential program, which aims to complement a student's existing learning, and is run in English. It focuses on developing students' knowledge of buildings and helping them work with local communities and experts to help change the cities and rural villages of tomorrow.

With a cohort of 20 recently graduated Basotho students from local Architecture and Construction Schools, as well as promoting peer-to-peer knowledge exchange with contingents of 10 international students joining

at specific times during the construction for 10 day workshops, **in loco** aims to create a life-changing experience for all involved.

It is a "learning-by-doing" experience in which all participants are involved in the planning, design and building, through a participatory process engaging international cohorts of students and the local community. **in loco** offers a real knowledge exchange experience for all involved.



A small income generating activity of pig rearing run by the older boys at the orphanage



Vegetable gardens on site of the orphanage to help feed the children at minimal costs



Girls' dormitory room where 26 girls sleep 3 to a mattress



Children with the God's Love Centre founder Mme Neo (right) and her sister (left)

WHERE

**AFRICA****Lesotho:** Southern Africa**Project Site:** 29°17'05.9"S 27°33'00.6"E**Base Camp:** Maseru

Lesotho, also known as the “Mountain Kingdom” or the “Switzerland of Africa, with its lowest altitude sitting at 1400m and over 80% of its land above 1800m, is the country with the highest lowest point in the world, that’s a whole 400m above its closest competitor, and it is the only state to be completely above 1000m.

Another unique feature of this country is that it’s the only fully autonomous country to be completely surrounded by another. This landlocked status and a weak economic situation have made Lesotho incredibly dependent on its

neighbor South Africa. Water is Lesotho’s main export, in a country with an economy crippled by over 45% unemployment.

Beautiful landscapes, rural villages and a strong cultural heritage should be the reasons why most people know this country, yet instead it is generally best known for having the world’s second highest HIV/Aids prevalence rate.

WHERE - THIS YEAR'S PROJECT

In 2012, UNICEF estimated that out of a population of 2mln people, over 220,000 children are orphans, 150,000 of these orphans as a direct result of the HIV/AIDS crises.

Located in Sekamaneng Berea District a short 20min drive from Maseru City Centre, Lesotho's Capital, God's Love Centre is a privately run Orphanage that is the home for 54 children aged 2 to 20.

Established in 2001 by Neo Motansi, this centre has been a welcome respite for many of the orphans and children for whom it has become home. The tightening of Social Welfare rules in Lesotho dictates that when children reach the age of maturity at 18, they are no longer allowed to stay in Orphanages and should return to their home villages, where there is no employment and so very little possibility of earning a living.

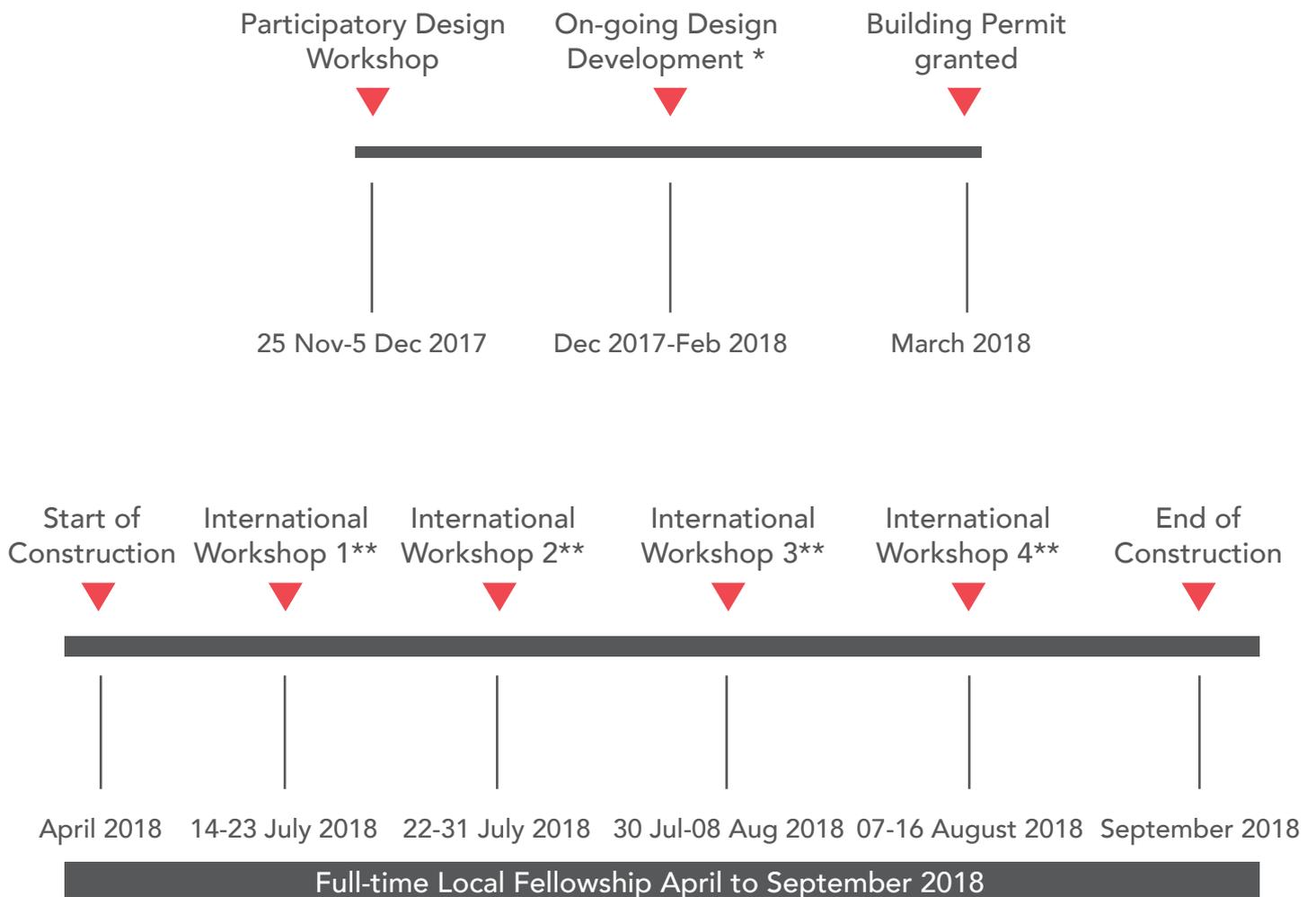
Since 2009, Daniela Gusman and BOND Events have supported GLC, contributing over \$15,000, towards the costs of building of a septic tank, bathrooms, a new kitchen and the conversion of a shipping container into a 2 classroom pre-school. In addition, this money has also provided help towards, tuition fees for numerous children.

With the **in loco** project we plan to take our commitment to the next level and not only assist with the construction of a new dormitory block, but also provide invaluable entrepreneurship skills for all of those involved in the project.



God's Love Centre aerial view

WHEN



*Part-Time work to assist with preparation of drawings and documents for attaining Building Permit and Tender Documents

** Workshop for Local Fellows and 10 International Students attending each one

WHY GET INVOLVED

1

Challenge yourself, meet new people, get to know new cultures, and take part in a project focused on learning through doing, making the most of your skills in a practical hands-on approach to architecture and construction.

2

Work alongside a team of 20 young local construction, engineering and architecture graduates from Lesotho, who will be taking part in this exciting internship program for the entire 6-month duration of construction, gaining valuable skills to improve their chances of employment and empowering them to start their own projects.

3

Be part of a cohort of like-minded international construction, engineering and architecture students who will participate in the **in loco** program and benefit from an international design and build experience, allowing you to develop design skills suitable for working in challenging environments, and conditions of scarcity of resources.

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You will be involved in the design and construction of additional dormitory rooms and bathrooms, which will directly benefit 54 orphans, providing better sleeping accommodation and creating for the first time a study area to do homework and read.

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There are 4 international workshops in which you can take part during the construction stages of the workshop. Each workshop will be co-hosted by a different guest international tutor and will focus on a particular design/build challenge.

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Besides contributing directly to the project and assisting with the construction work your participation in the project will hugely improve the quality of life of the 54 orphans living at GLC with improved facilities, sleeping and studying conditions. In tandem to the construction, there will be a social entrepreneurship training program for the 21 orphans aged between 16 and 20, and the staff members at GLC. This is so they can start their own small businesses, giving them the opportunity to be self sufficient as well as raise revenue towards the operating costs of the orphanage so that it is less reliant on donors. They will also be offered business skills mentorship. If you are interested in getting involved in the social entrepreneurship you can assist the facilitators. Please let us know if interested.

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Help us develop learnings from this pilot project, and create a network of knowledge and people, so that this methodology can be replicated in Lesotho and other countries.

WHO WE ARE

rise | relationships inspiring social enterprise

rise is working towards a world where sustainable social enterprises, created by local social entrepreneurs from low income countries, are the norm. Through our professional network, rise links aspiring social entrepreneurs to fundamental resources (funding & skills) which they would normally not have access to, in order to fulfill their potential.



Daniela Gusman | Co-founder and Executive Director of rise

is a seasoned executive with over 20 years of professional experience in the private sector as well as the international development sector. She has worked extensively throughout Europe, Australia, Africa and the USA in International Sales & Marketing, PR, Business Development and Social Entrepreneurship.

She has helped grow companies, designed and launched social enterprises and led diverse teams in various competitive sectors from educational services, manufacturing to corporate B2B events.

in loco

has been set up by Pedro Clarke, from A+Architecture, and Luca Astorri from Argot ou La Maison Mobile, both architects with a passion for development. They met in Lisbon working together for Live Design and Build workshops for European students, and have decided to expand on this know-how and set up 'in loco' as a unique experience for participants from both the Global North and South. Together they combine over 10 years of experience in informal and emerging contexts working on development projects in several countries such as Uganda, Kenya, Lesotho, Egypt and Brazil.



Luca Astorri

graduated in architecture from Politecnico di Milano in 2007, where he has been an assistant professor since 2009. After working with OMA / Rem Koolhaas between 2006 & 2008, he co-founded AOUMM - Argot ou la Maison Mobile, an architectural firm based in Milan which focuses on architecture and urban projects. He was invited to the XIV International Architecture Exhibition, the Venice Biennale, with "Zingonia, mon amour" a research project for the official section 'Monditalia'. Since 2010 he has collaborated with several NGOs on architecture and research projects focusing on informal settlements in Cairo, Nairobi and San Paolo. He has lectured in Europe, and South America. He has been invited as Tutor to several international workshops in Macao, Lisbon, Cairo, Zagreb, Wroclaw, Cochabamba.



Pedro Clarke

graduated in architecture from FAUP, Portugal in 2007, following a year-long experience building a safehouse for a local NGO in Lesotho. He has recently completed an MA degree in Development and Emergency Practice at CENDEP/ Oxford Brookes University. In 2014 he formally set up A+Architecture, as a not-for-profit architectural and development practice, believing that Architecture has the power to change people's lives and should be accessible to all. In the same year, Pedro was selected to be part of the Official Portuguese Participation at the XIV International Architecture Exhibition, the Venice Biennale, "Homeland: News from Portugal".

PARTNERS

BOND Events

<http://www.bondevents.com>

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Kick 4 Life

<http://www.kick4life.org>

As a charity and a social enterprise, K4L's mission is to change the lives and long-term prospects of vulnerable young people in Lesotho, through a wide range of social development activities focused on health, education and support towards sustainable livelihoods.

K4L will provide accommodation and meals for the international guests attending the workshops at the **K4L Hotel & Conference Centre**.

God's Love Centre

<http://www.godslovecenter.co.za>

God's Love Centre is a home for orphaned or abandoned children. It is based in Sekamaneng, Maseru, Lesotho, in a house built by Lesotho Durham Link, a local NGO connected to Durham in the UK. The house has a boys' and a girls' dormitory with bunk beds, a large living area, a kitchen, indoor toilets and showers with water warmed by a roof-based solar heating system. Water comes from a borehole, and the house has electricity. Gas is used for cooking. A large garden area offers room for play and for growing vegetables.

Local and International Construction Experts

To promote sustainability of the project, and an on-going positive relationship between international experts and the local construction industry, we also partner with established local Architects, Engineers and Builders who provide further mentoring to the cohort and invaluable local insight.



K4L Hotel & Conference Centre - No 7 restaurant



K4L Hotel & Conference Centre - twin bedroom

KEY INFO - INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

There are 4 international workshops planned for in loco. The cost to take part in one of these workshops is \$1595 per person, which includes a contribution towards the project as well as accommodation, all meals and ground transportation in Lesotho.

Application Deadline

Please apply at least 3 months in advance of the start of the workshop you would like to attend.

International Workshop Dates

The 4 workshops are scheduled to coincide with key stages of the construction process.

Each workshop will also be attended by a guest international tutor who will share their knowledge and expertise with the cohort contributing for a truly global experience.

Workshop 1 - July 14 to 23, 2018

Workshop 2 - July 22 to 31, 2018

Workshop 3 - July 30 to August 8, 2018

Workshop 4 - August 7 to 16, 2018

Flights

In order to allow you flexibility to plan your participation in the workshop and possible travel in or around Lesotho, flights are not included in the workshop package, and participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to ensure that they are in Maseru for the start of the workshop. If you would like assistance with booking your flights this can be arranged through our travel agency.

Accommodation

Participants will be hosted at the K4L Hotel & Conference Centre, on a shared twin room basis. Single rooms can be provided at an additional cost. <http://kick4life.org/k4l-centre/hotel-conferencecentre/>

Food & Drink

Breakfast & dinner will be provided at K4L No. 7 restaurant. Lunches will be prepared by GLC staff and eaten on site.

Insurance

Participants will be responsible for their own wellbeing and safety on site and as such will be responsible for organizing their own individual travel/accident insurance specifically covering volunteering and construction work, and valid for the location and duration of the stay. If you have any questions on this and/or would like assistance please get contact us.

Visa

In general, a visa will be required for entry to Lesotho, however for most nationalities these can be obtained at an entry port to the country. Nevertheless please seek the relevant advice and information for your nationality from your nearest Embassy.

Safety

We have a strong relationship with the local community where the project will be based. The area and local people are very welcoming and hospitable, and we will take every reasonable measure to ensure your safety at all times. Please check with your local Health offices which vaccines you should take, and make sure any necessary immunizations are up to date or completed sufficiently in advance of departure.

Provisional itinerary for International Workshop

- Day 01: Arrive in Maseru, Lesotho. Settle in at K4L Hotel.
- Day 02: Welcome Meeting w/ in loco Staff and Initial visit of construction site.
- Visit to Thaba Bosiu, Cultural Heritage Site.
- Days 03-08: Hands-on Design and Build Experience
- Day 09: Optional Excursion into the Lesotho Mountains (Semonkong or Malealea)
- Day 10: Check out of K4L Hotel Departure from Maseru, Lesotho

APPLY

In order to apply for a place for one of the workshops please complete and sign the following form and send it to us, together with a motivation letter explaining why you'd like to take part in this project, your CV, samples of your work and/or portfolio to info@in-loco.org

Applications must be received at least 3 months in advance of the workshop you are applying to attend.

Surname: _____

First Name: _____

Nationality: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Other Tel: _____

Email: _____

Primary Tel: _____

Please give details of any qualifications or degrees you have been awarded or are currently working towards:

Course Title: _____

University/ School: _____

Dates: _____

Please select which workshop you are interested in attending:

- Workshop 01 - July 14 - 23, 2018
- Workshop 02 - July 22 - 31, 2018
- Workshop 03 - July 30 - August 8, 2018
- Workshop 04 - August 7 - 16, 2018

APPLY

Please give details of any other academic or work experience that may be relevant to your application:

Please tell us what are your objectives and motivations for taking part in this workshop:

Disclaimer:

By signing the application form below, I accept to take part in the 'In Loco' workshop as a volunteer/participant, if a place is offered to me. In accepting this place, I agree to pay all amounts due for my participation in the workshop, and acknowledge that I shall be solely responsible for my own travel and insurance arrangements, health and wellbeing for the duration of the workshop.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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