

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, called "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 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. 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 - THIS YEAR'S PROJECT

Located in Sekamaneng Berea District a short 20min drive from Maseru City Centre, God's Love Centre is a privately run orphanage that is the home for 54 children from all over Lesotho 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 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.

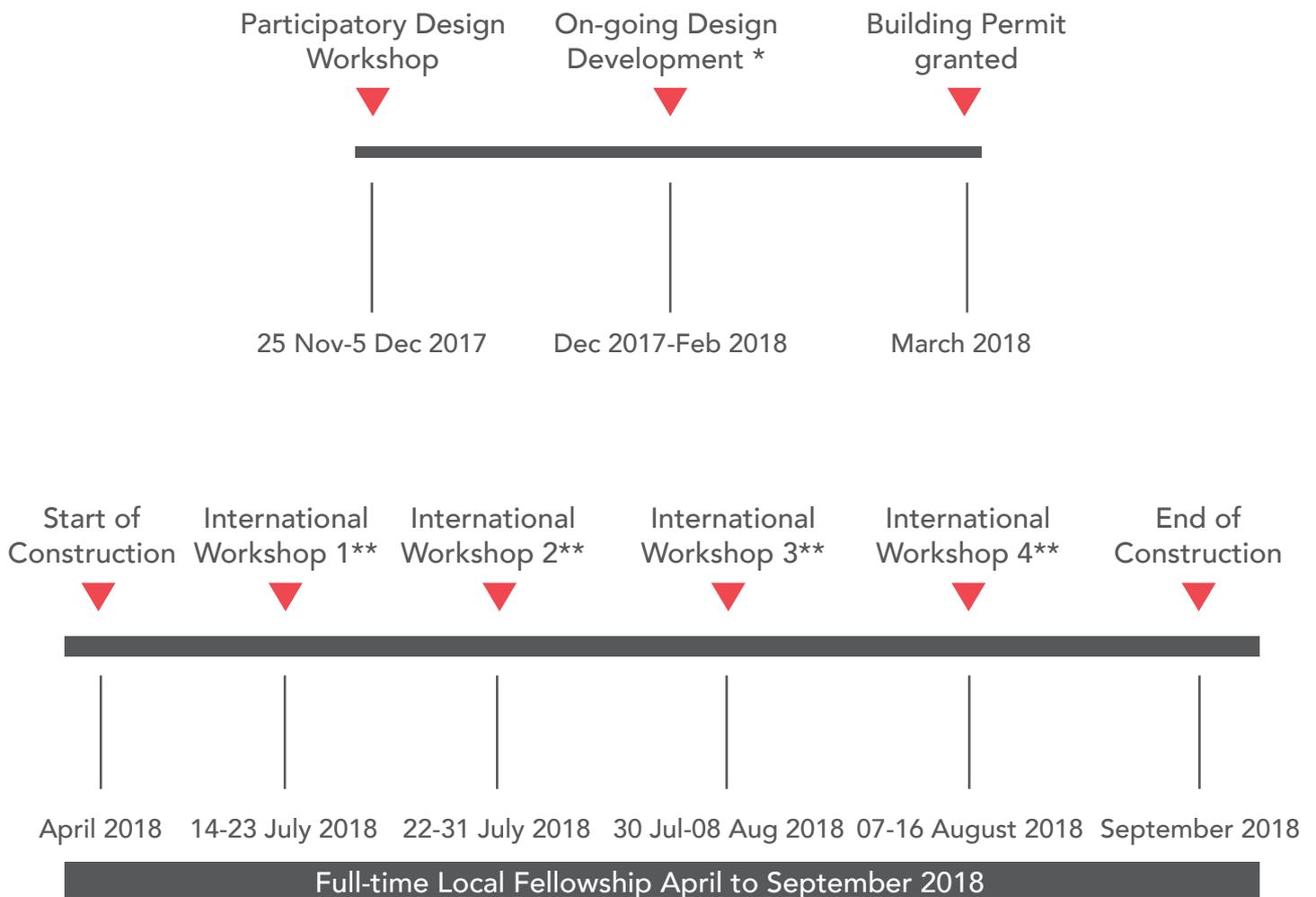
provided help towards, tuition fees for numerous children. With the **in loco** project we plan to take our commitment to the next level and not only assist with the construction of a new dormitory block, but also provide invaluable entrepreneurship skills for all of those involved in the project.

Since 2009, Daniela Gusman and BOND Events have supported GLC, contributing over \$15,000, towards the costs of building 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



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 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 construction, engineering and architecture Basotho graduates, and benefit from this exciting knowledge exchange program, improving your chances of employment and gaining valuable skills to start your own projects.

3

Getting involved means not only gaining practical experience, but also mentoring from industry leading experts who will assist you in making the most of your skills and help you prepare for your professional career.

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Throughout the 6-month construction process there are 4 international workshops, co-hosted by a different guest international tutor and will focus on a particular design/build challenge.

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Meet new people and get to learn new cultures, with a cohort of 40 (10 in each workshop) like-minded international construction, engineering and architecture students from USA, Europe and Asia who will participate in the **in loco** program, creating an exciting and multicultural opportunity for knowledge exchange.

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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 a study area to do homework and read which they so desperately need and don't currently have.

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Besides focusing on the design and construction of a new building, the project will also benefit 21 orphans aged between 16 and 20, and the staff members at GLC, who will participate in social entrepreneurship training 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. You can take part in this social entrepreneurship training. If interested, please let us know.

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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

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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 - LOCAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The **in loco** local fellowship program is a work experience placement which will follow the design and construction project of new facilities at GLC from conception to completion.

Participatory design workshop

The start of the **in loco** program will be a 10 day participatory design workshop led by Luca Astorri and Pedro Clarke, in which we will start the design process engaging directly with the staff, neighbors, staff and youth at God's Love Centre in order to come up with a design which is community led and meets their needs.

Building Permit

Following this initial design period, architecture graduates will be directly involved in design development and the preparation of the necessary documents to apply for a Building Permit at Maseru City Council. This process will be mentored remotely by Luca and Pedro, and locally by an experienced local Architect.

Preparation of Construction Documents

Following the submission of the documents for the Building Permit, and whilst we wait for its approval, the cohort will start to prepare and develop construction drawings, schedules of works and the bill of quantities for the project. This process will be mentored remotely by Luca and Pedro, and locally by an experienced local Architect, who will also be coordinating a team of local Engineers for this project.

Construction Process

The construction process is designed as one of the central parts of **in loco**, giving all participants the chance to understand the 'ins and outs' of how buildings get put together, to develop best practices, gain in depth knowledge of detailing and the importance of integration between all the different actors on a site (contractor, sub-contractors, architect, engineers, client, etc.). To assist with this, besides the mentoring team, which will already be in place from the initial stages, an experienced local contractor will guide the cohort through this stage.

International Workshops

There are 4 workshops scheduled to coincide with key stages of the construction process. Each workshop will also be attended by up to 10 international students and a guest international tutor who will share their knowledge and expertise with the cohort contributing for a truly global experience.

Stipend

Successful candidates, who take part and complete the program, will be given a monthly stipend which goes towards covering transport and basic living expenses for the duration of the 6-month construction period.

APPLY

In order to apply for a place for the Local Fellowship Program 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 by **September 30th, 2017**.

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: _____

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 fellow/participant, if a place is offered to me. In accepting this place, I agree to acknowledge that I shall be solely responsible for my own travel and insurance arrangements, health and wellbeing for the duration of the fellowship.

Sign: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

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