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NASCEE ROUND UP

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WELCOME TO THIS WEEK'S NASCEE ROUND UP

There's a lot happening across the NASCEE community — and this week we're excited to share stories, opportunities, and spaces that strengthen connection across the education sector.

In this edition, we introduce **NED Connect** — NASCEE's new collaboration platform designed to help make education work more visible, strengthen connections, and support smarter coordination across the ecosystem. We unpack why visibility matters and how stronger connections can lead to greater collective impact.

We also spotlight **Click Learning** in our latest member Capacity Building Impact Report and reflect on how investing in people, systems, and leadership can strengthen organisations as they grow.

And because learning happens through community, we feature the **NASCEE HR Professional Learning Community** —

— showcasing how peer connection, practical tools, and shared experience are helping organisations build stronger teams and healthier cultures

Finally, don't miss our **Community Notice Board**, packed with upcoming events, learning opportunities, and ways to connect with others across the sector.

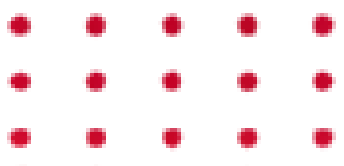
Thank you for being part of this growing community — we hope you find something in this edition that inspires a new idea, a new connection, or a new opportunity to collaborate.

Happy reading!

Community Notice Board

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NED CONNECT

Connecting South Africa's Education Ecosystem

Every day, organisations across South Africa work to improve education outcomes - supporting learners, teachers, caregivers, schools, communities, and systems. Yet despite this incredible effort, the sector often faces the same challenge: **we cannot coordinate what we cannot see.**

Too often, valuable work remains invisible. Organisations struggle to find one another. Partnerships depend on existing relationships rather than evidence. Government and funders lack a complete picture of who is working where. Opportunities for collaboration are missed, while duplication and gaps remain difficult to identify. NASCEE's answer to this challenge is **NED Connect.**

NED Connect is a growing collaboration platform designed to strengthen visibility, surface opportunities, and support collective action across South Africa's education ecosystem. It brings together trusted information about organisations, their focus areas, locations, projects, and impact. Creating a shared view of the sector that supports better decision-making and enables stronger partnerships.

The platform exists to create value for the entire ecosystem:

- For organisations - to get seen, get connected, and grow impact
- For government - to plan and coordinate with a clearer understanding of available support
- For funders - to make smarter investments with greater visibility of the landscape

And this is only the beginning.

Today, NED Connect helps organisations become visible. Tomorrow, it will increasingly support active partnership facilitation, communities of practice, knowledge sharing, and stronger coordination at district and national level.

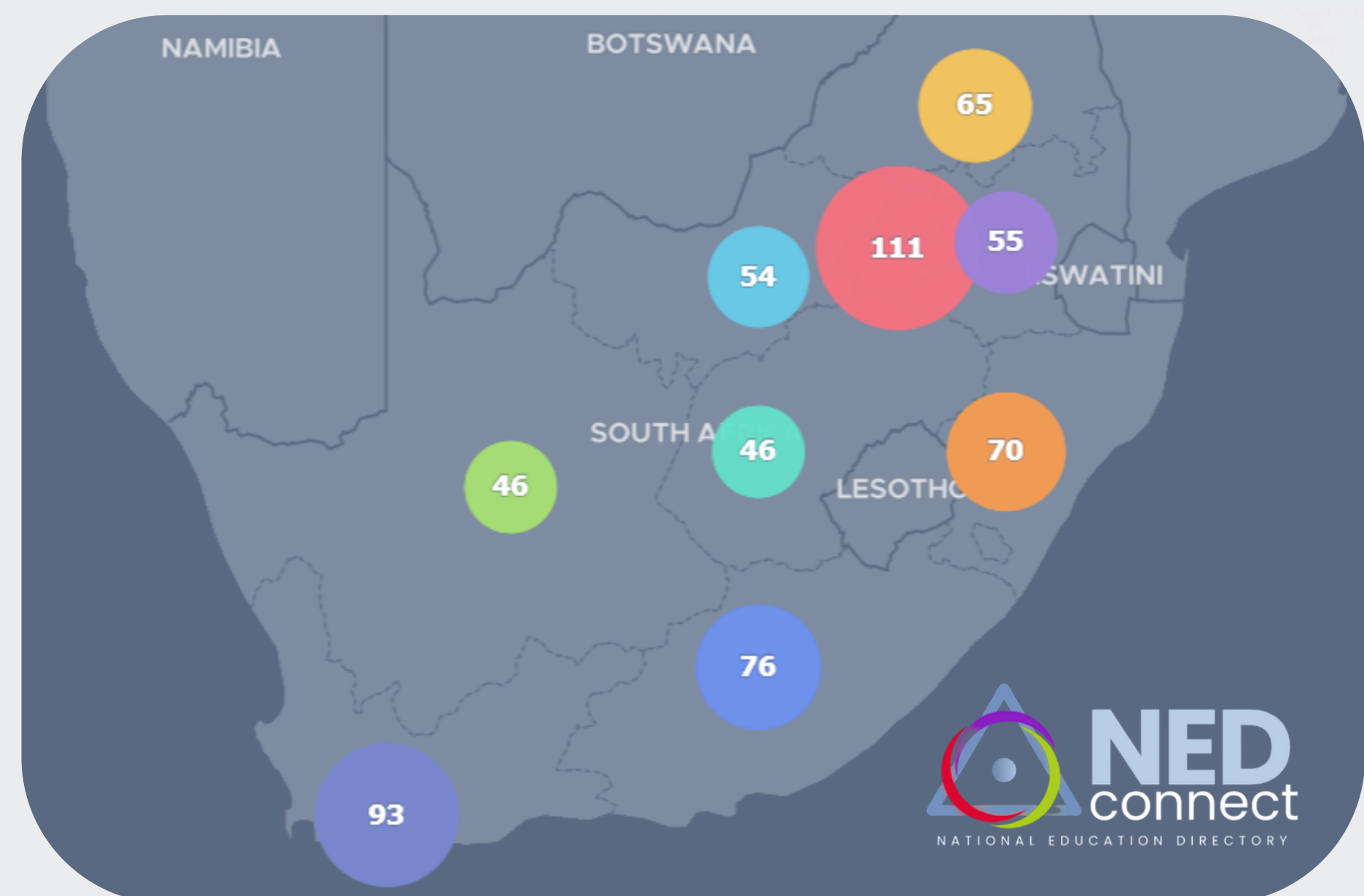
If your organisation works to strengthen education and support every child's journey - from cradle to career - we invite you to become part of the community.

Because stronger visibility creates stronger connections - and stronger connections create greater impact.

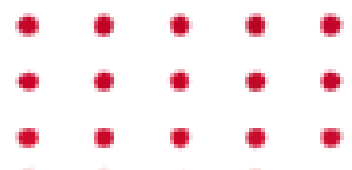
Explore the platform: www.nedconnect.org

Province Support Map

Showing the number of NED Connect organisations operating in each Province



201 Organisations on NED Connect and growing
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NASCEE Capacity Building Impact Report

Spotlight on Click Learning

As part of NASCEE's ongoing **Capacity Building Impact Report** series, we spotlight **Click Learning** and how strategic organisational support has helped strengthen operational effectiveness during a period of rapid growth. With a core team of 85 staff members and more than 1,000 youth facilitators delivering digital learning programmes nationwide, Click Learning experienced significant expansion in recent years. As the organisation scaled, the need emerged to strengthen internal systems and standardise implementation processes to ensure sustainable and effective programme delivery across the country.

To support this transition, Click Learning participated in NASCEE's Project Management, Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), and Leadership Bootcamps. These programmes provided structured technical support, practical tools, and leadership development opportunities designed to strengthen coordination, planning, and execution across teams.

The impact has been tangible across the organisation. Staff members have integrated project charters, Gantt-based planning, and refined communication practices into their day-to-day operations, contributing to more streamlined project coordination and improved programme consistency.

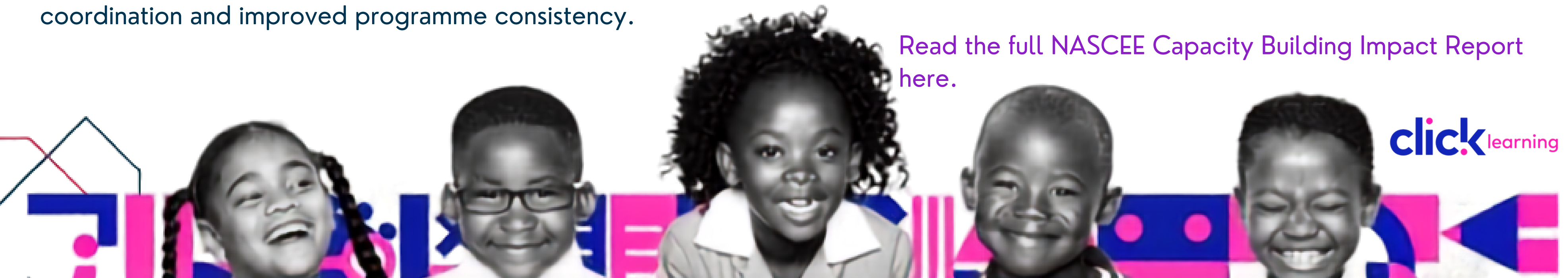
Teams are now better equipped to manage implementation effectively, while senior leadership can maintain focus on strategic growth and long-term priorities.

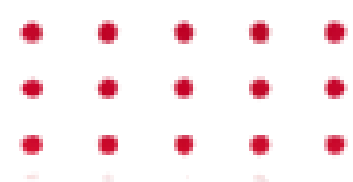
The organisation also highlighted the importance of strengthening middle management capacity during this phase of growth. According to Lieza van der Walt, Chief of Staff at Click Learning, NASCEE's capacity-building programmes arrived at the ideal time, helping managers build confidence while introducing additional structure to project management practices.

Eunice Xelisilo, Special Projects Manager, shared that the training strengthened both her communication and leadership of special projects, while Marcella Dlamini, Research Projects Coordinator, noted that practical tools such as Gantt charts and project charters significantly improved planning and execution processes.

Beyond the technical skills gained, team members also reflected on the value of engaging with peers from other NGOs through the bootcamps. These interactions created opportunities for shared learning, fresh perspectives, and collaborative thinking around challenges facing the sector. Ultimately, the partnership between NASCEE and Click Learning demonstrates how targeted capacity building can support both individual professional growth and stronger organisational alignment — ensuring that systems evolve alongside impact.

[Read the full NASCEE Capacity Building Impact Report here.](#)





PLC FOCUS

The NASCEE HR PLC: Learning Through Community

The **NASCEE HR Professional Learning Community (PLC)** is an exclusive learning and support space available to NASCEE members working in human resources, people management, organisational culture, and leadership development within the nonprofit sector.

Created to strengthen people-centred leadership and organisational practice, the HR PLC brings together professionals from across the sector to connect, share insights, and learn from one another while navigating similar workplace and organisational challenges.

The PLC offers members access to:

- HR masterclasses led by experienced practitioners
- Small coaching and peer learning groups
- A dedicated WhatsApp community for ongoing engagement and support
- Collaborative reflection and problem-solving opportunities
- Practical tools, resources, and evidence-based HR insights

The community is led by **Anastasia Kalantzis** and **Anja Grobler**, who bring a practical, people-focused, and evidence-based approach to the sessions.

Become a member to be a part of the Professional Learning Communities.

Anastasia, Head of Human Capital at New Leaders Foundation, has spent over a decade shaping the organisation's human capital practice. Her work focuses on designing practical people systems that strengthen leadership, performance, and organisational culture.

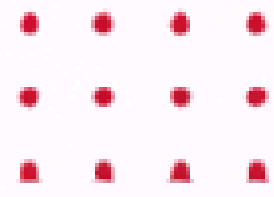
As a published researcher, she is passionate about applying evidence-based thinking to real-world organisational challenges and creating spaces where people and organisations can grow.

Alongside her, Anja brings expertise as a human capital consultant and industrial psychologist with a passion for building effective people practices that create meaningful impact within organisations.

Together, they are cultivating a warm and engaging community where members can reflect, grow, ask questions, and access support from both facilitators and peers.

The NASCEE HR PLC is more than a professional development initiative — it is a collaborative support network designed to help nonprofit organisations build stronger teams, healthier cultures, and sustainable leadership practices.





Community Notice Board

Upcoming NASCEE Events

Learning Webinar Series

The Engage Toolkit 03 June 2026

In Association with JET
Education Services

Professional Learning Community Masterclasses and Coaching Sessions

(Open to NASCEE Members only)

HR Small Groups Coaching	30 May 2026
HR Masterclass	17 June 2026
HR Small Groups Coaching	30 June 2026

Regional Networking Events

Western Cape	24 June 2026
Gauteng	June 2026

Canva Webinar Series

(Open to NASCEE Members only)

Designing with African Colour	31 July 2026
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Upcoming Partner Events

Microsoft Elevate for Changemakers AI for Nonprofits

In person instructor led sessions

23/06 Durban
25/06 Cape Town CHS Life Centre

[Click here to register.](#)

Virtual instructor led sessions

02/06	Click here to register.
09/06	Click here to register.

Opportunities

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