



about Josef Lazarus

My community work started in my teens when I initiated and managed several youth leadership development programmes in the Western Cape and later on the stud farm of renowned golfer, [Gary Player](#). Following training at [Capernwray Hall](#) in England and [Holsby Brunn](#) in Sweden, I continued youth development work in the [Western Cape](#) while working in a managerial position for a multinational pharmaceutical company and graduating from the [University of Cape Town](#) with a degree in Philosophy.

From 1980 to 1989, I was a [Medical Science Liaison \(MSL\)](#) specializing in medical education providing an educational service to the South African Medical Schools. During this period I established the South African Association for Medical Education (SAAME), published numerous articles on medical education in academic journals, served on the Editorial Board of [Medical Teacher](#), journal of the [Association for Medical Education in Europe \(AMEE\)](#), and served as Honorary Lecturer in the Dean's Department at the University of Cape Town, Faculty of Medicine.

In 1989 I was appointed Head and Senior Lecturer of Academic Development at the [University of KwaZulu Natal](#) (UKZN) responsible for facilitating the integration of black students from historically disadvantaged backgrounds into the university, developing academic support programmes for these students, and advising the university on transformation.

Following my appointment at UKZN, I did freelance research and development work for various South African universities, the [South African Medical Research Council \(MRC\)](#), the [Human Sciences Research Council \(HSRC\)](#) and numerous non-governmental organisations. During this period I was Vice Chairperson of the [Hout Bay Rate Payers Association](#) and Chairperson of the much publicized [Hout Bay Liaison Committee](#) responsible for negotiations between racially divided communities in Hout Bay. The [Hout Bay Liaison Committee](#) became a national model for negotiations between white communities and historically disadvantaged black communities to negotiate a better and more integrated future for all. I have many fascinating stories to tell about this process.

In 1995 I established and managed the South African Network for Community Partnerships in Health Personnel Education with a grant from the [W. K. Kellogg Foundation](#). The purpose of the network was to make the training of South African health professionals more responsive to the health care needs of historically disadvantaged communities. As a direct result of the success of this project, I was appointed by the [Joint Education Trust \(JET Education Services\)](#) with a grant from the [Ford Foundation](#) to replicate the

work done in Health Science Faculties in other Faculties in South African universities. The project, called [Community Higher Education Service Partnerships \(CHESP\)](#), was designed to make the teaching and research programmes of South African universities more responsive to the development priorities of historically disadvantaged communities. As a direct result of this project, all South African Universities are now audited by the [Higher Education Quality Committee \(HEQC\)](#) of the [Council on Higher Education \(CHE\)](#), not only on their teaching and research programmes, but also on the extent to which these programmes engage with and contribute to local community development.

My involvement with hospice started in 1994 when the [St Luke's Hospice](#) Board commissioned me to do research and development work on future scenarios for the Hospice. Recommendations from this work resulted in a restructuring of St Luke's Hospice and the development of a number of community based hospices throughout the [Western Cape](#). In 1997, the Board of the [Hospice Palliative Care Association \(HPCA\) of South Africa](#) commissioned me to do research and development work on future scenarios for the national organisation. These recommendations led to the restructuring of the national organisation and put it firmly on a community development trajectory.

In addition to [Lazanou Organic Vineyards](#), I currently serve on the Board, Executive and Management Committee of the [HPCA](#) as Advisor: Strategic Development, on the Steering Committee of the [Joint Primary Health Care Forum \(JPHCF\)](#) and on the International Advisory Board of the journal, [Education, Citizenship and Social Justice](#) in between surfing, canoeing, hiking and cycling,