



More impact, more often.

An update from our COO

As we head into the final stretch of the year, we wanted to share what the Ardú Foundation has been up to over the past few months. Since narrowing our focus and defining exactly how we'll fulfil our purpose, our projects have really begun to take shape.

I'll soon be reaching out to all the underwriting management agencies in our group to introduce the Ardú Community Hub model. This model will make it easier for everyone to support the causes that resonate most deeply with them — whether through time, resources, or expertise. Each hub will offer a combination of vital community services, a business centre, an entrepreneur support office,

and spaces for small start-ups. We'll be working hand-in-hand with local leaders to ensure each hub reflects the needs of its community. Keep an eye out for my email — I'd love to set up time to talk through your ideas.

I'm also thrilled to share that our new website will go live in November! It'll be a dynamic, interactive platform where people can learn more about us, apply for funding, and contribute time or money to any of our initiatives.



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iThemba Triumph Trolleys

The iThemba Waste Collectors Project continues to gain incredible traction. Supported by SAPS, the team is awaiting final licensing for their recycling depot — the last step before becoming fully self-sustaining.

Three of our former trolley pushers have already moved into permanent jobs, a milestone that fills us with pride. As project director Danie Marx beautifully put it:

"What we're doing isn't just work — it's a calling. Four years ago, we started this journey, and by the grace of God, it's grown into something awe-inspiring. When we first met Allen and Sandra, we began reaching out to men and women who had nothing but broken trolleys and no hope. Today, 73 newly designed trolleys and bright orange uniforms later, they walk with dignity — visible, recognised, and proud."

In just the past three weeks, three of our members have left the streets for permanent jobs. Each success story reminds us that serving others is a blessing in itself. To serve people is the only thing that gives me true joy."

A huge thank you to Danie and his team for living that message every day.



The Big Clean-Up

SAT, 25 OCT | 8:00 - 11:00

And don't forget to join us for the Big Clean-Up with iThemba Trolleys and the Moot Project on Saturday, 25 October from 8:00 to 11:00.

Email to sign up and remember, the team with the most participants wins a special prize!

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Our Internship Programme

Our interns, Hope and Christian, have been rotating through different departments at Strategic Insurance Systems, gaining firsthand experience of how the industry works. Both have impressed everyone they've worked with, and they'll soon be assessed or full-time placements in 2026.

We're also beginning the search for our next two interns, who will start in January. But before that, we asked Hope and Christian to reflect on their time with us so far:



HOPE
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From day one, I felt truly welcomed and supported.

The underwriting team, in particular, went above and beyond to guide me patiently, answering every question even when I had a lot! The learning curve was steep, but it taught me how to think critically and adapt quickly. This experience has strengthened my problem-solving, communication, and confidence lessons I'll carry with me well beyond this internship.



CHRISTIAN
★★★★★

This internship has pushed me to grow in ways I never expected.

I've discovered strengths, faced weaknesses I used to ignore, and gained confidence in my abilities. My mentors' feedback and trust helped me learn what it means to be a reliable colleague and an active contributor. I'm leaving this experience deeply humbled and grateful for the people who supported my growth, both personally and professionally.

We're so proud of both Hope and Christian for their attitude, progress, and the positivity they bring to the office each day.

The Chintsa Community Hub

We're heading to Chintsa on 20 October to finalise plans for the next Ardú Community Hub. On our last visit, local leaders shared a clear need for a satellite police station, a social worker's office, and a clinic extension. We've since decided to renovate a former cultural centre to house these essential services — alongside a small business and entrepreneurship hub. The Chintsa project will be completely community-driven, designed and run by the people it serves.

During our first visit, we met Them, the inspiring woman behind the Onwaba Drop-In Centre, where she feeds up to 150 children two meals a day from her garden. Her stove was barely functioning, but thanks to your support, Ardú has been able to provide her with a new industrial gas stove and oven — a gift that will help her continue her incredible work with dignity and ease.



"Every meal we cook reminds me that even small kindnesses can feed big dreams," Them shared as she lit the new stove for the first time.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on these stories, we're reminded of why the Ardú Foundation exists — **to create connections that empower, uplift, and build real change through community partnership.**

If you'd like to get more involved, whether by volunteering, mentoring, or simply sharing your ideas, we'd love to hear from you. You can always reach me directly at:

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Thank you for walking this journey with us. Together, we're proving that small acts of service can create extraordinary waves of hope.



Warm regards,
Sandra
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The Ardú Foundation

A Message from Allen McDonogh

Founder & CEO — re.public | Chair — The Ardú Foundation

When we began re.public, we weren't simply building an insurer. We were designing an ecosystem. A way for good people to do good work and do it well. Ardú was always meant to be the beating heart of that ecosystem; the place where our values could step out of boardrooms and into the world.

Over the past few months, I've seen those values come alive, not in strategy documents or financial statements, but in people.

In the quiet determination of a waste collector finding dignity through enterprise. In two young interns discovering that insurance is not about risk; it's about people. And in every UMA that continues to choose purpose as deliberately as they choose profit.

Ardú exists to remind us that the past need not devour the future. It's where re.public's promise: to be pro-human, fair, and locally rooted becomes visible in action. Each community hub we build, each initiative

we support, is a reflection of that design: a bridge between the work we do every day and the lives we hope to change by doing it differently.

To the UMAs that make up our re.public family, your participation in these projects matters. It is how we show that insurance, when done with intention, can uplift. It's how we give meaning to the word "mutual" again. In Ardú, you'll find the truest expression of what re.public was always meant to be, an ecosystem that turns shared values into shared outcomes.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to prove that we can do well and do good at the same time.

With respect and gratitude,



Allen
McDonogh
Founder & CEO — re.public Ins. Co.
Chair — The Ardú Foundation

Thank you and take care.

