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The wheels of impact are turning.

An update from our COO

IT IS TIME FOR OUR SECOND NEWSLETTER

There are so many interesting people to meet and options to explore, I am not even noticing the time going by, except when I realise that I have my next deadline to meet.

The people I am meeting constantly inspire me, there are so many stories to tell about people working to improve the lives of the people in their communities.

I have recently had the pleasure of meeting someone who heads an organisation that I hope to collaborate with. They work in many areas of social enterprise and upliftment such as **community centres, schools, food gardens, recyclable waste collection, community bakeries**, to name but a few.

This opens a whole lot of possibilities for you to get involved and support a social upliftment initiative of your choice, while the foundation remains true to its mandate.

This organisation has many years of experience and expertise in social upliftment, partnering with major corporates. As soon as we have confirmed that this collaboration will work, I will make an announcement and introduce you to this potential partner.

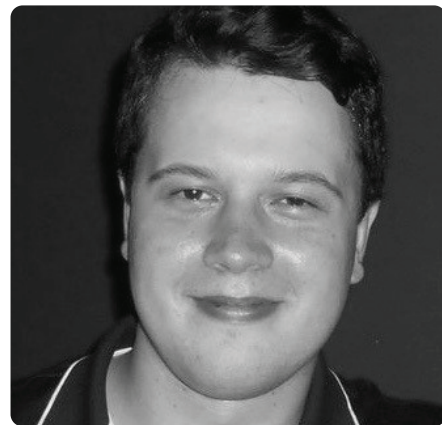


Until then, I'm happy to report that our current projects are moving along well, including our Intern Program.

Sandra McIlwrath

CHRISTIAAN BRITZ

Christiaan Britz has absolutely flourished. He was thrown in the deep end, as he was seconded to work for one of the UMA's from his second month on the program. He has applied himself so well that the UMA has offered him a permanent position from next year. Christiaan continues to impress us in his social upliftment work for the Louis Botha Children's Home where he has put a weekend sports program in place.



HOPE MASHABA

Hope Mashaba is doing well working her way through the different departments. She has spent time thus far in the underwriting and claim departments, as well as a stint at a legal firm, to gain an understanding of how the insurance industry operates. Hope is currently gaining experience and insights in the accounts department until September. Her enthusiastic willingness to learn has been well received in all departments, she shows a good understanding of the insurance industry already and is excited to begin working next year. Hope also continues her work social upliftment work in the "Change for Her" NGO.

Keeping the community rolling

THE ITHEMBA TRIMUPH TROLLEY PROJECT

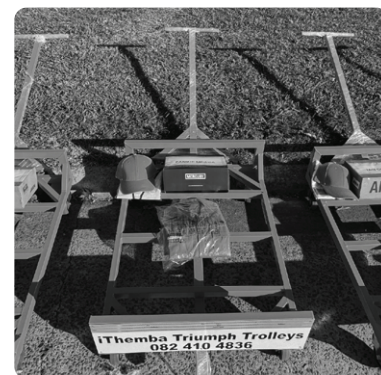
iThemba Triumph Trolleys, our major community project, is progressing at a great pace. They will have handed out **45 trolleys, overalls, boots, and reflective jackets** by the time you read this newsletter. The waste recyclers have been introduced to the Moot community in Pretoria and have taken part in their first drive to help keep the community clean in July. They will continue to take part in such initiatives to build trust and reciprocal behaviour in the Moot community.

This project is on the cusp of going over into its second phase, which will be to set up a waste collection depot with various facilities for the waste recyclers. This depot will become self-sustainable eventually, creating employment and support for the waste recyclers community.



iThemba has already taken one individual that has shown an aptitude for welding out of the drudgery of waste picking. John Khumalo has received training and been certified as a welder through the program. He will now be employed by iThemba to repair broken trolleys.

My heart swells with pride at the achievements this project has already made.



Answer the call of the Moot with us

We will be joining the Moot Project's August clean up and we would be honoured if you and your team would join us.

On the 23rd of August 2025 from 8-11am, we will be rolling up our sleeves and getting to work alongside the heroic members of the Moot Project Team.

If you are willing and able to join us, please send an email to sandra@re-public.co.za and I will give you all the information you need to get involved.

THE INTERN SEARCH

The foundation is looking for two new interns to start next **January 2026**. Keep your eye out for any matriculated, enthusiastic people who would like to explore a career in the insurance industry and would be a good fit for our internship.

They can send their C.V.'s to me at sandra@re-public.co.za. Please remember I am always available to hear your comments, suggestions, opinions, and critique.

WHERE VALUE IS CREATED WITH PEOPLE

Every time I read an update like this, I'm reminded why we started Ardú in the first place. Not to tick a CSI box or run PR campaigns, but because something deep in us believed that we could build better, not just a better business, but a better country. **One where value isn't extracted from people but created with them.**

Sandra's update isn't just a progress report. It's a story of purpose taking root in people. Hope and Christiaan are prime examples. Young people who weren't waiting around for handouts, they just needed a gap to prove themselves. And when that door opened, they walked through it, owned it, and lit it up.

The iThemba Triumph Trolleys project? That's not charity. That's structural change in slow motion. Giving people tools, not lectures. Seeing recyclers not as a nuisance, but as part of the solution, part of the social economy. And when someone like John gets trained and employed as a welder, we all win. Because dignity is contagious.

We've never claimed to have all the answers. But we've always believed in building the kind of platforms where real people — with real talent, grit, and heart — can stand taller. That's what Ardú is doing. That's what re.public is built on.

From the CEO's desk



Allen McDonogh
Founder, re.public and the Ardú Foundation

And the fact that this is coming out of an insurance business? That's the part I love the most. Because insurance has always been about risk. We're just choosing to insure against a different kind of risk. The risk of leaving people behind.

If any of this resonates with you — if you know someone who should be on the next internship program, or if you want to roll up your sleeves for the Moot cleanup — don't overthink it. Get stuck in.

**With thanks and purpose,
Allen**

In closing

Through these programs, the Ardú Foundation continues to make a lasting impact in communities across South Africa. Our existing initiatives demonstrate our dedication to fostering self-sustaining growth for a brighter future in South Africa.

But our work has only just begun.

We invite you to join us in driving meaningful change — whether through volunteering, partnerships, or funding initiatives. Together, we can uplift communities and create opportunities that transform lives.

Should you identify a space or an individual that could benefit from our support — please don't hesitate to reach out to sandra@re-public.co.za

Thank you and take care.