

# MR. IRFAAN MANGERA



Johannesburg  
Male



South African



## PERSONAL PROFILE

I am a passionate, adaptable and versatile Youth Development, Education and Management professional. My academic background is in Education, with a track record of consistent community activism, leadership, facilitation and development work. I have experience managing, facilitating and developing community programs related to social justice around South Africa. I am grounded in the values of integrity, transparency, openness, accountability, servant leadership and compassion.

## SKILL SET

- Youth and community organising
- Leadership and mentorship
- Social justice campaigning and advocacy
- Popular education methods
- Curriculum development
- Project/event management
- Youth coaching and mentoring
- Administrative management
- Public communication
- Facilitation and workshops
- Social media management, Canva design, Microsoft office and photography
- Sport coaching and team management

## LANGUAGES:

- **English**- Native
- **Afrikaans** - Basic
- **IsiZulu** - Course study

## INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

- **World Youth Forum (Soka Gakkai Intl)** - Dec 2021 Speaker on Human Rights Education
- **African Youth Networks Movement- Continental Summit**- Speaker- Oct 2021
- **NYRI National Youth Dialogue Facilitator**- Nov 2021
- **International Youth Camp, Palestine || SA Rep** 2016
- **International Youth Forum, South Korea** -SA Rep and 1/3 case presenters out of 180 delegates || July 2019
- **UNESCO+ Globalchangemakers #FuturesOfEducation** engagement || Feb 2021
- **UNESCO Transforming Education Pre-Summit** (Paris) June 2022

## EDUCATION

- **2024 - Short Course: Becoming a changemaker: Introduction to Social Innovation (University of Cape Town)**
- **2022 - Apolitical Academy (Futurelect) Public Leadership Fellowship**
- **2019 - 2020: University of the Witwatersrand - Honours in Education**
  - Subjects: *Educational Policy, Leadership, Management and Organizational Development - SAQA Qualification ID: 50380*
- **2015 - 2018: University of the Witwatersrand - Bachelors in Education (Secondary Teaching) (B. Ed)**- Subjects: *English; Physical Education, Human Rights, Citizenship and Religion Education, Life Orientation, English Language teaching/methodologies, Education theory*
- **2014: Al-Aqsa School, Lenasia** -National Senior Certificate (Gr.12)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**RISE MZANSI: Founding member and Civic Alliances Coordinator**  
June 2023 - 2024

**National Youth Coalition: Founding member and Chairperson**  
March 2022 - August 2023

**Ahmed Kathrada Foundation: Youth Activism Programme Manager ||**  
June 2020 - June 2023

- Managing the Youth Program staff/team and conducting oversight of the sub-programs to over 30 community youth clubs across Gauteng
- Managing the reporting, planning and evaluation of the Youth Program
- Conducting strategic planning for the Youth Program and ensuring the objectives align with the organisation
- Advocacy, campaigning and network building
- Facilitating workshops, dialogues and educational programs for political, citizenship and human rights education and skills development
- Fundraising, stakeholder engagement and sourcing of new partnerships
- Recruitment and mass mobilisation of youth members across new communities

**Gauteng Provincial Government Youth Advisory Panel:** Panel Member- Advising the Gauteng Provincial Government on issues of youth development, strategic development and oversight-June 2022/March 2024

**Ahmed Kathrada Foundation: Youth Program Education and Training Officer ||** May 2019 - June 2020

- Developing and running youth leadership/activist community clubs around Johannesburg
- Running various political education and training programs, including identifying and training suitable facilitators to run programs and workshops
- Developing content, curriculum, and programs for political/social and human rights education, in addition to contributing to the "Kathrada Workbook"
- Using social media to develop campaigns and strategies for new learning methods for the Youth Program

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 Johannesburg,  
South Africa

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## CERTIFICATES

- **2017:** Basic Counseling Certificate - Wits University
- **2015:** Youth Leadership Program - Ahmed Kathrada Foundation

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- **2022: Youth Activism Award- Artfluence Human Rights Festival-** Centre for Creative Arts- UKZN
- **2021: Selected as 1 of 7 Human Rights Educators Globally** by Amnesty International, Soka Gakkai International & the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
- **2020: Postgraduate Merit Award** - Wits University
- **2018: Certificate of First Class for Academic Excellence in:** Secondary Methodology in English; Teaching Experience; Religion, Human Rights & Citizenship Studies - Wits University
- **2018: Honey Gluckman Award** for outstanding contribution to community education - Wits University
- **2017: Eastwave Radio Nelson Mandela Award for Youth Leadership**
- **2016: Certificate of First Class for Academic Excellence-** Life Orientation - Wits University
- **2016: Club Players Player Award (most influential player)** - Crescents Cricket Club
- **2016: Inter Club Tournament**
  - Best Bowler of the Year
  - Club All Star Team of the Year
- **2014: Best National Team Captain** - Association of Muslim Schools Cricket tournament

## REFERENCES

Available on request

### Lenasia Premier League: Part time Junior League Coordinator and Administrative assistant || 2013 - 2015 (ANNUALLY FROM JUNE - AUG)

- Coordinated U/13, U/15, and U/21 teams, assisted with administration tasks such as communication, bookings, and logistics

### Solly's Sport Shop, Lenasia: Part time Manager/Admin Clerk 2009-2014

- Family run business - Managed/supervised the shop on part time basis, including staff oversight, Conducted administration such as stock-take, financial administration, and liaising with suppliers, Managed social media accounts for the business

## LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- **SANCA NISHTARA Recovery and Wellness Centre-** Board Secretary || 2020 - current - Drug and Addiction Rehab Centre
- **Youth Climate Champions Advisory Board** - IEJ/WWF/SACAN/EU - 2022-current
- **National Union of Muslim Student Associations** - Secretary General || 2017 - 2019 , Ex-Officio 2019 - 2021
- **National Youth Climate Action Plan Leadership Programme, SAIIA** || 2021 - Conference Facilitator and Group leader
- **Kagiso Trust Unmuted Civil Society Conference Coordinating Committee:** 2022/23
- **Palestine Solidarity Alliance, Johannesburg** -Chairperson of Youth league and Youth Coordinator || 2015-2019
- **Wits University Education Students Council** - Deputy Chairperson || 2015-2016
- **AKF University Chapter Wits University** - Interim Chairperson || 2016 -2017
- **South African Students Congress, Wits University** - Member || 2015-2017
- **African Union Club Wits University** - Education Commission || 2017
- **Shamsaan Youth Group, South Africa** - Coordinator of International Palestinian Youth Tour SA || June - October 2017
- **Muslim Students' Association, Wits University (Med School and Education campus)** - Chairperson || 2016-2017
- **Constitutional Hill Human Rights Festival** - Planning committee and Panelist on Youth Panels
- **Crescents Cricket Club** - Executive Committee Member || 2014-2017, Head of Junior Cricket Affairs || 2014-2017, Golf Day Committee head || 2014-2016
- **Abu Asvat Institute For Nation Building**
  - Junior Cricket Tournament Assistant & Team manager || Aug - Sep 2012-2014

## VOLUNTARY WORK

- **Gauteng Department of Health, Provincial Disaster Management Centre for COVID-19-** Communications Volunteer || March 2020
- **Gauteng Together Network - Education and Training Head** || April - June 2020
  - Ensuring Community Action Networks (CANS) are trained and equipped to respond to local relief needs under the Covid-19 lockdown
- **Lenasia Action Sports Committee** (community network against corruption in sports sector)- Deputy Secretary || 2019
- **Ahmed Kathrada Foundation** - General volunteer and Winter-warm collection drive coordinator || 2015 - 2018
- **Constellation 150 NPO, Johannesburg** - Coordinator of Annual Feeding Program 2014 - 2017, **SANZAF Annual Feeding Program-** 2012- 2014
- **Al-Madressa Islamiya, Lenasia** - Office Administration, Teaching assistance and Curriculum Support|| 2009 -2012 (part time)
- **Operation Hydrate (drought relief)** - Area volunteer for Lenasia || 2017