



# Thinking Schools South Africa Quarterly Newsletter

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## Welcome!

Welcome to this, our first newsletter for the year! I would like to wish you all the best for 2022. I would also like to introduce myself as the new CEO of TSSA. Jane McIntyre, CEO for the past eight years, has built a strong foundation for TSSA and I would like to thank her for her contribution.

Now a bit about me! I have just retired from 26 years of teaching at one of the top private schools in South Africa, where I was HOD of Cognitive Education. Roedean School (SA) achieved its Advanced Accreditation as a Thinking School in 2020, having been accredited for the previous five years. I have been a trainer for TSSA, training teachers in both Habits of Mind and Thinking Maps. I have attended the previous two International Conferences on Thinking (ICOT); the first in Bilbao, Spain and the second in Miami, USA. I am on the Organising Committee for the next ICOT to be hosted here in South Africa. I have been on the Board of TSSA for a number of years, and so this move is a natural progression for me.

I look forward to working with schools this year, and there are many workshops, roadshows, webinars and conferences planned. The events for February and March are detailed in the following pages, and the planned events for the year are on the final page. TSSA Network Schools will be relaunched in April, so please consider becoming a member school.

Feel free to contact me if you would like more information, a meeting, or a phone call. I wish you all the best for 2022!

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# TSSA ROADSHOW 2022

8th - 10th March



## Learners as Researchers Bena Kallick and Allison Zmuda (USA)

Bena is a co-founder of both the Institute for Habits of Mind and Eduplanet21. She is one of the wisest people that I have ever met. Allison is a full-time education consultant specialising in curriculum, assessment, and instruction. She has published ten books, her most recent being "The Quest for Learning". In 2017, she co-authored "Students at the Centre: Personalized Learning and Habits of Mind" with Bena Kallick.

Their mission is to help educators navigate the often messy, challenging, and - at times - discouraging transition from an outdated learning process to one that's vibrant, dynamic, and inspires learning with teachers and students.

<https://habitspersonalized.com>

## Transforming Education: The Think Equal System Change

Leslee Udwin (UK)

Leslee is the founder and CEO of Think Equal. She is an education activist, and a film maker. As a result of the insights she discovered whilst making her documentary, India's Daughter, she started a global initiative to end violence against women and girls.

Leslee was voted by the NY Times as the No 2 Most Impactful Women of 2015, second to Hilary Clinton. In the same year, she was awarded the prestigious Swedish Anna Lindh Human Rights Prize, previously won by Madeleine Albright. She has also been named Safe's Global Hero of 2015, and a Global Thinker by Foreign Policy. In 2019, she received the Activism in Arts and Education award from the UN Women for Peace Association, UN Association USA's Global Citizen of 2019, and the Gandhi Foundation International Peace Award.



Leslee Udwin  
[thinkequal.org](http://thinkequal.org)

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## Developing Scientific Literacy for All: The Sooner the Better

Judy Lederman  
(USA)



Dr Judy Lederman is an Associate Professor and the Director of Teacher Education at the Illinois Institute of Technology. She has taught science in classrooms ranging from pre-K science to post-graduate level education courses.

Dr Lederman was a Fulbright Fellow working with teachers at the Cradle of Humankind. She is presently on the Board of Directors of the National Association of Research in Science Teaching (NARST), and she has served on the Board of Directors of the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA).

I met Judy and her husband, Professor Norman Lederman, at the Southern African Research for Mathematics, Science and Technology Education Conference in 2009, and we have been firm friends since then.

# REGISTER NOW!

R1450 per person

R4000 per group of 5 teachers

[Click here to register](#)



# ONLINE COURSES

## FEB/MARCH SESSION

Each course consists of four 90-minute sessions held every two weeks. The focus for each course is to provide opportunities for teachers to develop units of work that they can implement in their classes. Teachers will engage with others in breakout rooms. The courses will be facilitated by our experienced trainers and a certificate of completion will be awarded at the end of each course. These courses are SACE accredited.

### Integrating Technology in the Classroom

In this hands-on course, you will learn how technology can help many aspects of teaching and learning, such as teaching methodologies, student engagement, and the integration of thinking skills and IT.

Dorian Love is an English, ICT & Thinking Skills teacher at Roedean School (SA). He is a PhD candidate at the University of the Witwatersrand, researching the professional practices of the teachers of coding.



### A Teacher's Guide to Thinking Routines



Bring enthusiasm, curiosity and ways of thinking into your classrooms! You will find out what a thinking routine is, how to select and conduct various routines, and how to embed these routines for deeper teaching and learning.

Camilla Antonie is a passionate educator. She obtained a BA from UCT in Philosophy and English Language and Literature, after which she earned a PGCE. One of the professional development courses that Camilla benefitted from was the 45-hr online course on Making Thinking Visible through Harvard University

### The Inquiry Greenhouse

This course is designed to give teachers practical tools to design and teach units of inquiry to implement positive changes to their school's culture.

Sean Creamer is Head of Innovation and Design at St Peter's Boys Prep in Johannesburg. He has taught English in Hong Kong, and specialises in inquiry, project and game-based learning.



**R3000 per course/ R6000 for 3 teachers**

**[Click here to register!](#)**

# 2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

- **February 7, 8, 9** Online Courses 1, 2 & 3
- **March 8 - 10** TSSA Roadshow 2022
- **May 9, 10, 11, 12** Online Courses 1, 2 & 3 contd
- **June** Online Courses 4, 5, 6 & 7
- **July 25** Online Courses 4, 5, 6 & 7 contd
- **July 26** Master Class 1 "On Being Curious"
- **July 27** Master Class 2 "Creativity, Design Thinking, and Innovation"
- **July 28** Master Class 3 "The Art of Deep Listening"
- **September 19 - 22** Master Class 4 "The Power of Essential Questions"
- **October 17, 18, 19** Curriculum Week:  
Thinking in Mathematics; Thinking in the Sciences; Thinking in the Arts; Thinking in the Languages; Thinking in the Humanities; Thinking in Life Skills
- **October 17, 18, 19** Master Classes 5 - 7

**Whole staff training available on request**