

ETHICS IN ACTION

Global Ethics Day

Keynote Session

KEYNOTE SESSION: ETHICS MANAGEMENT – CALLING NPOs TO ACTION

Facilitator: Prof. Leon van Vuuren, Executive Director – Professional and Business Ethics, The Ethics Institute

NPOs are established mostly in response to moral concerns, and tend to be driven by social transformation agendas. However, it cannot be assumed that such principled groundings necessarily translate into focused ethics management within this type of organisation. Ethics management is a conscious, intentional process. It needs to be based on an ethics management strategy, which, among others culminates in the establishment of an ethical organisational culture. In this keynote session, the concepts of organisational ethics and the framework of ethics management will be clarified.



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∞ KEY ISSUES FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP IN THE NPO SECTOR

Facilitator: Cynthia Schoeman, Managing Directors of Ethics Monitoring and Management Services

The imperative for ethical leadership is as pertinent in the NPO sector as in other sectors. The extent to which ethics matters for leadership is evidenced by the difference between an ethical culture that the ethical leader creates versus the erosion of ethics and governance that emerges under an unethical leader. Building and maintaining a culture of integrity with high levels of ethical capital is a critical role for today's leaders. This session will explore what constitutes ethical leadership, the challenges and key issues leaders need to be aware of, and the central role of trust as the primary currency for the NPO sector.



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∞ INTEGRITY OF SERVICES – A PRESENT DAY ETHICS CHALLENGE

Facilitators: Johanna Kistner, Executive Director of Sophiatown Community Psychological Services; and Zelda Kruger, Project Coordinator and Ethics Officer

Counsellors, social workers, psychologists, carers and others who work in NPOs are faced with an ethical dilemma about integrity in current day practice. Commitment to best practice and offering effective services are challenged by the disparity of growing psycho-social needs in an under-resourced system. Working under such conditions causes unease and raises questions about impact and ethics. During this session, the ethical dilemma of integrity of NPO service providers will be explored, and tools to engage with ethical dilemmas will be introduced.



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Sessions

∞ JUSTICE, VULNERABLE WITNESSES AND ETHICS

Panellists: Federica Micoli, Legal and Advocacy Office SCPS

Annelie du Plessis, practising attorney, Kids Justice programme (Kids Haven) and JCAF Children's Legal Centre

Adv. Salim Nakhjavani, Advocate of the High Court, Member of the Johannesburg Bar

In this panel discussion, the ethical challenges faced by legal practitioners when engaging with vulnerable witnesses in order to serve the ends of justice will be explored. This will be done from different angles:

- Interacting with vulnerable witnesses from a psychosocial perspective gives insight into how an interdisciplinary approach can help legal professionals to navigate the ethical dilemmas that may arise in their encounter with vulnerable witnesses.
- Considering the role of the legal practitioner, practical challenges, constraints and ethical considerations concerning taking instructions, assessing merit and formulating legal strategies in working with vulnerable witnesses.
- Best practice guidelines in observing professional integrity, doing justice and no harm in matters where vulnerable witnesses are involved.

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