

#COMMUNITY IS THE ANSWER NEWSLETTER

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GATEWAY FELLOWS IN ONLINE VIDEO-MAKING WORKSHOPS

The Gateway Zimbabwe Fellows participated in an online series of participatory video-making workshops between November 2020 and March 2021, under the [‘Make It Grow’](#) project, which supports community-based food initiatives to access grants through participatory video proposals. ‘Make It Grow’ is a Knowledge Exchange project from the University of Sheffield’s Institute for Sustainable Food.

During the series of 9 interactive workshops, facilitated by Dr Pamela Richardson-Ngwenya, the Fellows learnt the essential skills for video-making using simple, low-budget equipment and techniques.

Each Fellow was able to complete a 60 second video story, showcasing his or her grasp of the skills learnt. In their community cohort groups, the Fellows also went on to create two-minute fundraising video

proposals, which outline the various challenges being addressed through community initiatives that the Fellows are involved in, around food security in their communities.

Through these initiatives, the Fellows are contributing towards building strong and healthy communities, in ways that put authentic relational connections that build trust and social cohesion at the core.

The videos were presented to a public audience during the [Planet to Plate](#) online series of events organised by the University of Sheffield’s Institute for Sustainable Food, generating positive feedback and interest from those who attended the event.

In case you missed the event, you can [watch it here.](#)

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Above left: Sikhetiwe and Admire from Kufunda Village making a video recording as part of the workshop exercise
Above right: Arcturus Gateway Fellows and community members working on their video proposal edit.



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LEND YOUR SUPPORT TO THE GATEWAY FELLOWS' FUNDRAISERS

How much are Zimbabwean communities doing on their own to address challenges around food security and sustainable energy resources, while developing community business enterprises, creating employment and empowering youth, women and the wider community?

On the 16th of June 2021, Gateway Zimbabwe launched six online fundraising campaigns for community initiatives by the Gateway Fellows, during the screening of the Fellow's video proposals' at the Planet to Plate online event hosted by the University of Sheffield's Institute for Sustainable Food.

The community initiatives include poultry projects by the Arcturus, Lupane and Chikukwa communities; a goat-breeding programme by the Chiadzwa community; the Jengeta-Huni Wood-saving stove project at Kufunda Village; and a community-owned shop by the Magada community of Epworth.

This is an invitation to a unique opportunity to partner with the Gateway Zimbabwe Fellows, by funding these grassroots initiatives.

It is a call to all Zimbabweans, both at home and in the diaspora; to philanthropists, Pan-Africanists and to the world to become part of the journey through these home-grown, community-led projects by this remarkable group of community leaders.

[Support the projects TODAY!](#)

Each of the fundraising campaigns on the GivenGain crowd-funding platform includes the video proposal created by the Fellows themselves, in which they show us their project vision and outline the various challenges being addressed by their community food projects.

Check out and support the GivenGain campaigns below:



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INNER DEVELOPMENT GOALS ELEMENTAL SERIES

Gateway Zimbabwe took part in the Mindshift Global Conference on 12 May 2021, where the "Inner Development Goals" were launched.

WHAT ARE THE INNER DEVELOPMENT GOALS?

In 2015 the United Nations launched the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): 17 goals covering a wide range of issues that we are aiming to attain by 2030 and live in a more sustainable world.

Upon realising how individuals need an awareness of their contribution to the world achieving the SDG's, organisations such as MindShift developed the Inner Development Goals - a framework of qualities and skills that are essential for each of us to work on, in order to collectively reach the Sustainable Development Goals.

To learn more about the IDGs, visit:
www.innerdevelopmentgoals.org
or the MindShift website:
<http://ekskaret.se/mindshift>

The Inner Development Goals aim to educate, inspire and empower individuals to be a positive force for change in society. We are all invited to this global inquiry & exploration of how the inner meets the outer.

The Gateway session invoked the spirit of the Dare - the meeting place of the community which is an ancient custom in Zimbabwe.



Above: *The Dare at Kufunda Village - a safe space where the community comes together to engage in open dialogue.*

What we noticed is that we are more similar than we are different and Gateway Zimbabwe will host the "Finding Our Way Home Through Gateway" series in response to the impulse of possibility generated by the Mindshift session - a deep desire to continue weaving these threads:

To explore this sense of connecting with kindred spirits in new ways. To explore the longing to come together, connecting authentically in a global dialogue across continents and histories and asking how we might resource each other as points of light and maintain connection across so many worlds. To provide grounding in the midst of so much movement and uncertainty, finding our roots in connectivity that reaches from the micro of my personal experience to families, community and even our societies.

From that slower, grounded place we will sense and observe what is here now, offering a new sensibility from that place that can reweave our social fabric.



» YOU CAN BE PART OF THE JOURNEY!
Registrations Starting in July on the
Gateway Zimbabwe Website.