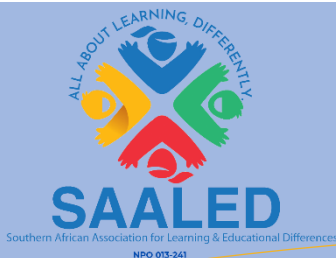


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Subscription fees and Webinar rates for 2024.

School Annual Membership fee: R 2000.00 and entitles 6 teachers to join the webinars and seminar at the member rate.

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Dear SAALED members and friends,

Greetings and Happy New Year! As we step into 2024, let's shift our focus from mere survival to thriving. Last year was a testament to our resilience, where many of us operated in fight, flight, or freeze mode. This year let us consciously choose to do our best and enjoy the experiences.

Please **renew your membership** as soon as possible, in order to gain maximum benefit from the membership rates for the upcoming webinars.

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Application forms are available on our website. Please complete and return together with proof of payment to memberships@saaled.org.za



LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE BROUGHT TO LIFE – first trio of webinars for 2024

Our first three guest speakers for the trio of webinars entitled LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE BROUGHT TO LIFE are: Ruth Everson, Makeda Phakadi and Onke Mazibuko.

Poetry as a tool for healing and hope, presented by Ruth Everson on Tuesday 13 February.

Poetry switches our brains into another way of thinking as it creates different and novel connections. The poet has a way of making connections to places of sanctuary and hope. Poems articulate worlds which we are unable to find for ourselves. Poems can be agents of hope and hope is a skill that can be learnt. Poet, Ruth Everson, will share her poetry, combined with the practical skills of hope, in this interactive presentation that will take you to unexpected places.

Makeda Phakadi will our guest presenter on Thursday 29 February.

Exploring a contemporary picture book with young readers in the Foundation Phase.

This webinar hopes to explore the dynamic world of contemporary picture books and their role in addressing South Africa's literacy challenges. This session will delve into the intricacies of small group literacy activities focused on using a selected picture book. This talk will shed light on how young readers in the foundation phase (and beyond) can engage with a contemporary picture book, both orally and through painted responses. Moving learners' responses from superficial interactions to more nuanced and creative engagements, showing the impact of facilitation and peer interaction will be explored.

Valuable insights for teaching, emphasising the integration of picture books into literacy programmes for rich and meaningful reading experiences will be unpacked. By embracing and applying the findings of the research on which this talk is based, educators can actively contribute to fostering a love for reading among young learners.

Onke Mazibuko is presenting his webinar on Tuesday 12 March.

Writing from Life Experience!

We all have a story to tell, whether we realise it or not. People can't be separated from the stories they tell. The storyteller and the story are one. Recognising the elements of a great story helps with crafting one's story. It is not an easy journey as one has to relive past experiences, finding new ways to interpret experiences that have already passed. But it is a therapeutic journey that not only provides healing but also a connection with others who recognise themselves in someone else's story. Onke Mazibuko, author of *The Second Verse*, a YA coming-of-age novel, will share tools on how to craft a novel out of lived experiences.

Should you wish to attend this trio of webinars, LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE BROUGHT TO LIFE, you can book for all three at a reduced rate of R540.00. Bookings must be emailed to events@saaled.org.za. An invoice will then be sent to respective schools or individuals for payment.

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Each person who registers for Ruth's webinar will be sent a PDF of two of her anthologies.

Landscapes of Courage and No Fire on the Moon.

Bookings on <https://www.SAALED.org.za/poetry>

POETRY - A TOOL FOR HEALING AND HOPE –
SAALED 's first webinar of 2024 PRESENTED BY
RUTH EVERSON on TUESDAY 13 FEBRUARY at
18h00.

Ruth Everson is a South African poet, writer, and speaker. She has worked as an English teacher for 39 years, including 19 years at St Stithians College. She is the author of the poetry book "Landscapes of Courage" which contains poems that span much of her life and are part of the landscape of her heart. The poems carry the inevitable scars left by the loss of love and loved ones, some are a celebration, some are a call to live a deeper life, and others mark the beautiful external landscapes that have been part of her journey. Ruth uses her poetry to help people from all walks of life find and embrace their purpose, and become a more adventurous version of themselves through her workshops, talks and writing.

Please book online for this inspiring workshop presented by Ruth on Tuesday 13 February at 18:00.

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Book on the SAALED website.
Special rate applies when booking for all 3 webinars

Ruth Everson

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Ruth Everson has very kindly donated a copy of each of her two anthologies. We will be giving away these treasured books to the two schools with the most participants registered to attend.

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Professional Development & Events

SAALED's mission is to support educators and therapists in cultivating inclusive learning environments. We strive to empower teachers to address educational differences within the classroom, fostering an atmosphere where every student can actively participate and flourish in their unique learning journey.



We look forward to an amazing year of growth, sharing and caring for each other.

- Please pass on our newsletter to anyone who may be interested.
- Connect with us on social media and share our resources and events to increase awareness and support for learners with educational difficulties.
- Add us as a beneficiary to your My School Card.
- Should you know of any school that you think could benefit from our webinars, especially schools in outlying areas, please let me know and we can get in touch with them. We are aiming to broaden our base considerably this year.

Onwards and Upwards

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