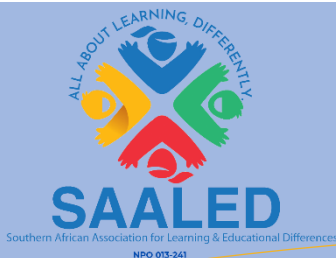


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Membership fees for 2024:

Each School's or Individual's
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Dear SAALED members and friends,

How awesome is it that our beautiful weather continues as we head into the next busy trimester. Teachers need to have their souls filled every now and then and it is to this end that we would like to invite you to join us at the **Annual SAALED Seminar and Networking Event on 23 May from 11h00 – 16h00.**

This is a heartfelt thank you to all teachers and therapists for continually giving of themselves. On 23 May you can enjoy networking with friends and colleagues, a delicious tea and lunch, learning from 4 very experienced and versatile speakers, voting for who you would like to see on the SAALED Board and the opportunity to win fabulous prizes!

Brescia House will be buzzing with our awesome vendors, who will be ready to assist you in ordering/buying whatever it is you require. Each vendor has kindly donated a gift for a Lucky Draw to be held at the end of the day. Each delegate will be given 9 free tickets to be placed in the lucky draw bowls of their choice. At the end of the Seminar we will be doing all the lucky draws. Should you win a prize, you have to collect it in person.

We will be taking photographs throughout the day so please speak to one of the Board members if you are not happy to have your photo on the website.

As you arrive you will be welcomed with a beverage and a snack. Look out for your colleagues, enjoy a chat and go and explore what the vendors have to offer. There will be an official 10 minute welcome, and then

Ruan Fourie and Gillian Forbes will be taking the stage. They will be highlighting the Science of Reading and explain how teachers can use it effectively in their classrooms through the use of games and activities.

Upcoming Webinars

Art & Dance Therapy

Michelle Booth

6 June 2024

Drama Therapy

Jess Mayson

23 July 2024

Music & Sound Therapy

Liza Cloete

10 September 2024

Directly thereafter **Lerato Shuping** will be sharing some fun and applied strategies with you as she inspires us on how to use tech to empower our students.

Lunch will be served. During this time, please go and make your final purchases from the vendors.

At 14h10 we will be having the **2024/2025 AGM**. We feel that it is a great time to showcase SAALED for our members. It will be short and sweet and all teachers/therapists attending will receive a 15% discount on any one of the upcoming webinars this year,

Individual members and School members have 1 vote each, so please choose a representative from your school to vote on the school's behalf. All Board members will be present at the AGM. We will vote for the 2024/2025 Board members.

Directly after the AGM, **Tayla Blaire**, will be enthraling us as she delves into the words that we use and how we can Grow a Love of Language.

The Seminar will conclude at **16h00**, after we have awarded the 9 Lucky Draw prizes, including the R500 Exclusive Books voucher!

As you can see, this bodes well for a fulfilling day, that you really don't want to miss. Bookings are open on [saaled_seminar24](#). Talk to your HOD, your principal or whoever you need to talk to, but make sure that you are booked for this very special and prestigious event. By doing so you are treating yourself, and how important is that? You will also be contributing to our Outreach Programme. Bookings close on Friday 17 May @20h00. Don't miss out. It is going to be awesome!



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THE SPEAKERS

- Ruan Fourie & Gillian Forbes**
The art of implementing the Science of Reading
- Lerato Shuping**
The journey of utilizing tech to empower students
- Tayla Blaire**
Growing a love for language

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Ruan Fourie & Gillian Forbes

THE ART OF IMPLEMENTING THE SCIENCE OF READING GAMES AND ACTIVITIES FOR EFFECTIVE LITERACY INSTRUCTION

The Science of Reading (SOR) is a vast, interdisciplinary body of scientific and evidence-based research regarding reading and writing acquisition. Join Foundation Phase teachers and literacy enthusiasts, **Ruan Fourie** and **Gillian Forbes**, as they explore the five pillars of literacy instruction (phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension) and its implementation in the classroom through games and activities.



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Lerato Shuping

THE JOURNEY OF UTILISING TECH TO EMPOWER STUDENTS

Join Apple Educator, **Lerato Shuping**, as she explores the creative application of technology to foster inclusivity. Her innovative approach to digital books and storytelling allows all students to fully engage in language learning. Explore accessibility tools, virtual and augmented reality and interactive apps as instruments for optimal student participation.



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Tayla Blaire

GROWING A LOVE FOR LANGUAGE

Tayla Blaire, a freelance writer and former senior English teacher, will unpack how words are our most potent assets. In her presentation, she'll explore how to appreciate language and provide tangible tips on harnessing its magic in everyday classrooms – no matter what subject or grade you teach. She'll also address how to become more intentional with the words we use and the power they wield.



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Trio of webinars Exploring the Arts in Therapeutic Settings.

First one of these webinars will be presented on 6 June by **Michelle Booth** entitled The Power of Art and Dance from 18h00 - 19h30.

Michelle Booth is a registered Art Therapist, facilitator and coach. She graduated with a Bachelor of Business Science from UCT in 1992. She then worked in the NGO field and as a management consultant in Cape Town. In 2002, she graduated with a post graduate diploma in Fine Art and in 2006 she completed her Masters in Art Therapy in Edinburgh, Scotland and returned to South Africa in December 2006.

From 2007 -2016 she lived in Johannesburg where she worked as an art therapist in private practice and for the Sophiatown Community Psychological Services, where she worked with refugees, home based care workers, care workers in homes and shelters and directors of NGO's. She has a particular interest in the intersection of the personal, organisational and social/political aspects of her work with both individuals and groups.

She also was involved in various projects over the years at Lefika la Phodisa, including training community art counsellors. She was instrumental in reviving SANATO and was on the national committee of SANATO from 2009. She led the transition to its formal establishment as a professional association SANATA in May 2019 and has been the Chairperson since then.

She moved to Knysna in 2016, where she works in private practice and with an NGO called KILT (Knysna Initiative for Learning and Teaching) where she runs teachers wellness groups and leadership development programmes.

Michelle is also trained as a facilitator of Biodanza, an international method of dance and movement and has been leading classes and workshops since 2009.

In this webinar, participants will be introduced to the field of Art Therapy: a creative and expressive approach to psychotherapy for adults and children. The Arts Therapies are not well known or understood although most educators and those working with children understand the inherent value of creativity as a part of self expression and communication.

Visual creative art making in the context of Art Therapy is largely process driven rather than didactic in nature and allows unconscious material to surface into the particular therapeutic container provided by the therapist.

The purpose of this webinar is for participants to understand this therapy approach in a general introductory sense; understand how to work alongside Arts Therapists and what referrals are appropriate; and for participants to understand how this approach to therapy can support the people they are working with in their own professions.



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.

The webinar will also include a brief explanation of the presenter's additional modality of Biodanza, a group-based method of dance and movement that encourages integration of self-expression with physical regulation practices.

Please book asap for this insightful webinar as we explore some of the more uncharted waters that teachers need to know about.

WEBINAR

THE POWER OF ART AND DANCE

EXPLORING THE ARTS IN THERAPEUTIC SETTINGS

THU
6
June,
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18:00-
20:00



MICHELLE BOOTH

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This will be my last newsletter, as I intend to hand over the reigns after the AGM. I would like to thank each member for their interest in SAALED and their commitment to restoring it to its former glory, A huge thank you to all the Board members, Julian, Jacqui the auditors and all who have supported me along the way. We have worked tirelessly and have had a lot of fun, but it is time to see younger people doing things differently! May SAALED continue to grow from strength to strength!

I thank you.

Onwards and upwards,

Shirley Gray

Chairperson.



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