

Community activist liaisons

Liesl Theron



Liesl Theron is a feminist, independent activist, freelance consultant and researcher. Activist since 2005, co-founded and became the inaugural Executive Director of Gender DynamiX, the first South African (and African) registered organization focusing on trans advocacy (2005 – 2014). Liesl was the consultant for the International Trans Fund (ITF) supporting their institutionalizing and emergence.

In other consultancies Liesl works regularly with organizations in South Africa (Gender DynamiX and S.H.E), the United Caribbean Trans Network and with organizations with global focus or projects, like Global Action for Trans Equality: Equality and Dignity for all and the ITF.

Liesl, together with activists Julius Kaggwa, Victor Mukasa and Gabrielle le Roux conceptualized the idea and content for the Trans and Intersex History in Africa website (TIHA) which is an ongoing project.

LiesI lives in Mexico City and when she is not consulting, she enjoys walking in the city, taking photos of street murals and graffiti especially those with quirky, political or resistance messages.



Paul Jansen



Paul Jansen works as International Consultant from Benalmadena, Spain, mainly on evaluations and proposal development with as focus areas SRHR, HIV and Human Rights for key populations and LGBTIQ.

Before starting his consultancy company, he worked as organisational sustainability advisor in APCOM, the Asia Pacific Coalition on Male Sexual Health, in Bangkok, Thailand. Prior to this, he was the country director of the Hivos office in Johannesburg, South Africa, well-known for its GBV/gender, refugee and migrants, HIV/key populations and LGBTIQ human rights programmes.

He worked for Hivos since June 2007. Before his post in Johannesburg, he was the programme officer LGBT Rights/HIV & key populations in The Hague, The Netherlands. In that capacity he developed the Hivos (worldwide) programmes on sexual diversity and rights, as well as HIV and key populations. He has been working in international development since 1998 in various development organisations. Paul serves currently as well as Trustee for SAfAIDS, Harare, the regional knowledge and action center for SRHR and HIV in the SADC region.

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