



Introduction

Newlands Mashu Community Development Centre, trading as Newlands Mashu Permaculture Learning Centre (NMPLC) is located in Newlands East, close to Siyanda, KwaMashu in eThekweni (Durban) and registered as a section 21 company (not for gain). It was established specifically to cater for the growing agricultural needs of both urban and rural communities. NMPLC received seed capital (R1.2 million) from international donors to purchase the property and construct the training center and demonstration gardens.

The vision of NMPLC is to promote healthy communities through a holistic and sustainable approach to agriculture that embraces Permaculture and organic farming principles based on low input costs. NMPLC clearly demonstrates a wide variety of Permaculture principles, which assist learners to understand the practical aspects of sustainable agriculture. NMPLC provides assistance to community garden schemes, homesteads and small-scale farmers to develop self-sufficiency through practical short training programs and accredited learnerships and includes a dedicated support and mentorship network.

The ethics of Permaculture, namely people care, earth care and fair share are recognized as the pillars of sustainable development, which in turn, set the platform for a strong agrarian society. Permaculture (Permanent agriculture) seeks to manage the earth's resources in sustainable ways thereby contributing to healthy societies. This practical approach to agriculture encourages food security, skills development, primary health care, job creation and poverty alleviation.

Company profile

Company Name:	Newlands Mashu Community Development Centre t/a Newlands Mashu Permaculture Learning Centre
Registered Status:	Incorporated under Section 21, Section 21 Company (Not for Gain)
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Donors:	Franciscan Friars (SA) Breadline Africa (SA) National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund (Lotto SA)



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SEM Charitable Trust (UK)

- Directors:** Fr. Wigbert Lange (Chairman)
Walter Petersen (Vice Chairman)
Cllr. Trevor Bonhomme
Cllr. Colin Gaillard
Douglas Christmas
- Key Staff:** Walter Coughlan (Dip Mkt Mgt) (Project Manager)
Penn Xarwalacha (PDC) – (Trainer and Facilitator)
Bethuel Mbatha - (Development consultant and Facilitator)
Enzio Gori (PDC) (BSC Building Mgt) (Development Consultant)
Vusi Khoza – (Cert: Botany, Peer Education) (Development consultant and Facilitator)
- Support Staff:** Six (6)
- Core service area:** NMPLC conducts training workshops, provides mentorship to organisations and individuals seeking to develop sustainable and environmentally responsible approaches to farming and organic based agricultural initiatives.
- Including:**
- Agri- investigations and research
 - Business plan development
 - Participative market research
 - Formal structure development, registration & compliance service
 - Marketing skills development (Agriculture)
 - Fund-raising
 - Project management
- Area of service:** KwaZulu Natal, South Africa
- Clients & Partnerships:** Cato Manor Development Association
Participative Development Initiative
Christian Children Fund
Project Preparation Trust
Garden Africa (UK)
SEM Charitable Trust (UK)
E. Gori and Associates
Rainman Landcare Foundation
Greater Durban Foundation & KDBA

Profile accomplishments include:

- USAid and NDA funded projects in AmaHwaqwa, South Coast, KZN, 90 growers from community gardens currently assisted with organic agriculture skills and mentorship
- Department of Housing - Special projects (for Project Preparation Trust) in KwaShangase, Madiba and Welbedacht communities KZN. – These included organic garden development (48 Learners) and mentorship projects.
- Fruit and Indigenous tree establishment in various communities (Over 10 500 trees – 4000 Recipients over 2005/2006)
- Consortium partner for numerous tenders including KwaGijima funded 'Development plan for Small Scale emerging Farmers in Ugu District Municipality'
- Primary Agriculture Training Authority (PAETA) Seta funded mentorship of Organic Farmers in Ndwedwe and Umbumbulu KZN.
- Active organization partner in Zulu Organics – Marketing and development consortium established on behalf of Small Scale organic Farmers
- Over 2000 Small Scale growers trained in 4 years.
- Partnership with Toyota SA (Gardens for Africa) - Development and mentorship of 7 grower groups in Folweni, KZN.

Agencies: Effective Micro-organism (EM) TM – (Registered Organic Fertiliser) - Distributor
 Turbo Grow TM (Soil Remineralisation product) – Distributor

Membership: OAASA –Organic Agriculture Association South Africa