



CONFERENCE OF CO-OPERATION WE NEED YOU!

The first conference to connect schools, companies, universities, school-founders and experts.

—interview by Jenna-lea Kelland

Today, the sharing of knowledge is essential to the survival of almost all individuals and corporations. It is a skill that should be implemented in the early stages

who is passionate about uniting various sectors in society and creating a platform for them to share knowledge with one another. Christian was born in Germany and went on

Q Christian, you are clearly passionate about South Africa – can you explain what planted this seed?

A In 1997 I worked as a short-term missionary in a children's home in Johannesburg/Claim street. During that time, I saw the beauty of South Africa in its nature and in the people. On the other hand, I saw the lack of knowledge in the field of life skills and good Christian values. From this time on I started to think about the problem and how to solve it. In order to achieve its best future, South Africa needs God's good values in the mind of the people and a very good education for each child!

Q What is your dream for SA?

A My dream is that South Africa will experience a reformation: God's good values back in society, Christians who work

of education. God tells us in His word to "give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you" Luke 6:38. If we share our knowledge and skills with others, we too will receive a measure of good that could help us move forward in our various fields.

This gifted teacher has a desire to create a knowledge sharing culture, encouraging people to work together more effectively, to collaborate and to share. This is the mission of ICS' upcoming Conference of Co-operation. We spoke to Christian to find out more...

We recently spoke to Christian Pälchen, founder of International Christian Schools,

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for the best of the nation, a truly world-class education for each child. That is my dream for South Africa's future.

Q What is the Conference of Co-operation and how do you envision different sectors in SA uniting and connecting?

A The purpose of the Conference is to connect passionate Christian and non-Christian educators for the purpose of sharing resources, ideas and expertise. We want to establish an exchange platform for schools, university students and for school founders. We would like to offer them the chance to learn from you and your experiences. Thus, we will offer exchange groups during the day and seminars.

For the seminars we need your help: If your school has a school concept, fund raising concept, public relations concept or other experiences that could improve the work of Christian schools, I would like you to share them with the other participants. Presenting your concepts in a seminar on Saturdays would be a huge blessing for us all. Thank you in advance!

Moreover, we offer a commission work table and a job fair for university students and professionals. Senior experts

in Germany enabled you to bring something unique to SA?

A I have studied several subjects in Germany and I am a trained banker. Additionally, I have worked in several German states and abroad. All of this with the following question in the back of my mind: How can I implement life skills (especially parenting and marriage preparation) into society?

I realised while studying social work/pedagogy that only through school education are you able to reach all students in a country. Through all other institutions you will only reach one target group. But through schools, especially in Germany (due to compulsory education), you will reach all students, rich or poor. That is the best way to implement life skills into society.

For SA's best future we do not only need life skills but we need very good schools, with world-class education. For this mission, we need you as a co-operation partner!

Q Do you have more details about the event or where can people find out more?

A Go to our website for more information: www.ics-christian-school-founding.org/conference-of-cooperation-2016, or scan in the QR code below. The conference will take

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or specialists (manager, physicians, speech therapists, occupational therapists etc.) who would like to help Christian schools can get in contact with them. We will also provide an exhibition platform for companies who are active in the educational sector.

Q You are a gifted teacher and qualified in numerous fields, how has your experience and life

place from the 18th-19th of March 2016 in Cape Town. If you'd like to be part of the conference in any way, please send your offers to: info@ics-christian-school-founding.org. We need you! For more information, see column on the right. ■

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Students and professionals are welcome to take advantage of our job fair in which they can get in touch with schools to discuss future exchanges, employment opportunities, etc.

Teachers

The conference will give you the chance to share your expertise and experiences with other Christian educators, learn from one another, build up your network and be encouraged! A special School Founding Seminar based on the ICS Concept will be presented. See: 'School Founding Seminar' on our website.

University Students

Do you want to share your knowledge with Christian schools? Are you interested in getting to know other like-minded students and educators? Or do you want to see what career and exchange opportunities are available to you in the field of Education? Then you've come to right place! Whether you're a student of Business, Education, Languages or more, your skills can be put to good use. Come to the conference to find out how!

Experts

Whether you're an expert of Business, Education, Languages, Ergotherapy, Psychology or more, your skills can be put to good use. Come to the conference to find out how!

Companies and Organisations:

Not only teachers and university students can profit from the conference, but companies and organisations can, too! If you are interested in sharing your product or services, recruiting potential employees or networking with Christian educators, sign up on our website.

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