



January - March 2019

This year has begun with a busy start with many exciting workshops, informative events, celebrations and fruitful meetings.



Parent Mentoring Workshop

In February we ran our first workshop in collaboration with [Valcare](#) to equip parents and community leaders with parenting skills.

Here is some of the feedback after the workshop:

- I have learned a lot. Now I can equip myself better for our fostering/adoption journey.

- I wish this could be rolled out to all communities as soon as possible. I know it will take time.

Thank you to our attendees from [Salt and Light Children School Discipleship](#), [Khula Development Group](#), [Change within Development Consultancy](#), [Stellumthombo](#), [Kin Culture NPC](#), [Masakhe Foundation](#), RUWAA, Good Hope Day Care Centre for Disabled Children and EAR.



Please check out Ezrah's latest video to learn more about us.



QIS Standards Day

The Connect Network Team hosted the QIS Standards Day in February to launch the new QIS cycle for the year. Ezrah coordinates the QIS programme on behalf of Connect Network. This capacity building programme prepares non-profit organisations to implement good governance and quality services for children with an emphasis on creating child-safe communities as

part of the wider network strategy.

[Read more here.](#)

Breathe Retreat

Thank you to [Valcare](#), [Mergon Foundation](#) and the [In Harmonie NPC](#) team for investing in us through the Breathe Retreat. We appreciate it so much!



Child Protection Steering Group

In March we had our second Drakenstein Child Protection Steering Group meeting of the year where we welcomed new members and guests. We shared some important resources and upcoming events, had fruitful discussions around child protection matters and started with a mapping process to strengthen the child protection system. [Read more here.](#)

Check out and download our Child Protection Resources for your organisation here

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

LEAD Child Participation Workshop: Thursday 4 April

- The importance of child participation.
- Children's right to participation.
- A theoretical framework of child participation.

- Ethical framework of child participation.
- Empowering children as leaders of change with the LEAD model.

[See the details and book online here](#)

Child Protection Empowerment Workshop: Thursday 23 May

- Understanding the dynamics of sexual offending.
- Guiding the internet generation through the digital landscape.
- Trafficking in children and child labour: finding solutions together.
- Cyberbullying
- Internet safety

[See the details and book online here](#)

QIS Financial Accountability Module: 10-11 April 2019

Contact Mariette on quality@connectnetwork.org.za for more information and to book your place

Drakenstein Service of Hope and Blessing: Save the date for Sunday 2 June - more details to follow

Thank you for your support and collaboration this year so far. Keep up to date with all Ezra's news as it happens on [our facebook page](#), [twitter account](#) and [LinkedIn page](#).

Blessings from the Ezra team

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