

Goethe-Institut's Sustainable Together grant recipients revealed

The Goethe-Institut and British Council have announced recipients of the Sustainable Together programme grants.



Waste Not Want is one of the recipients of the Goethe-Institut's Sustainable Together program grants. | Source: Supplied

Sustainable Together is a regional project by Goethe-Institut that focuses on sustainability and civil society initiatives that seek to make an impactful contribution to improving the local environment. The project achieves this through public engagement like webinars or a talk series and by supporting activities and initiatives that emerge from these.

R100,000 grant for each recipient

Following an extensive selection process, three South African-based creative practitioners and organisations - 'Return To Origin', 'Water for the Future' and 'Waste Not Want Not' - were selected as the Goethe-Institut's Sustainable Together grant recipients.

Each project will receive a R100,000 grant for its work in the area of sustainable futures with a specific focus on community-based practice and collaboration.

Based in Kenton on Sea, Eastern Cape, Return to Origin will implement a youth-centred indigenous knowledge workshop and a short course in sustainable practice and alternative and purposeful leadership, while Johannesburg-based Water for the Future works to revive the Jukskei River's ecosystem through collaborative, community-based spatial interventions.

Waste Not Want Not acts as an intersection between waste reclaimers, artists and youth to align in a way that is enduring and self-sustaining.



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Dr Asma Diakit , regional head of programmes at the Goethe-Institut, comments: “Recent studies about climate change have again shown the urgent need for intervention in favour of our ecosystems and we are therefore happy to support the excellent work of South African organisations in the area of research and development of sustainable futures and community-based practice.”

The selected projects will have public events at different times throughout the year. More information will be shared closer to the date and can be found on the Goethe-Institut’s website.

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