



LIESEL EKSTEEN

Biography



Master in Science: Public Policy & Management, MBA#1
Hons in Development Economics
BCom in Finance & Economics

I Energetic. Creative. Intuitive. Out of the box Thinker I
I Passionate about Development, Transformation and Empowerment I

Liesel Eksteen has always been an undercover rebel with a cause...

As a young girl from a township school, she craved an understanding of the world around her and dove into economics, religion, poetry and music, emerging with an unquenched hunger to change perspectives, paradigms and practices.

She kicked off her career in 2001 as part of the first group of university students to enter the newly formed National Treasury, that under the leadership of the then Finance Minister, Trevor Manuel, aimed to bridge the divide between economists and state accountants, learn the trade and envisage a new developmental path for South Africa.

Since then, and with 4 degrees to her name, she has spent almost 20 years (just the start of her life's work) working in/with government, with pen-to-paper researching, designing, developing and implementing large scale development programmes aimed at identifying and extracting the potential, empowering, financing and transforming the trajectory of youth, women and marginalized communities, giving them a fighting chance to participate and thrive in an ever-changing economy and world.

She is a developmental economist, a poet, a change coach, and a spiritual explorer with a unique perspective and passion for sustainable and inclusive development, transformation and empowerment.