

SEASON OF THE SCARAB: BUILDING THE STRUCTURES THAT CARRY US FORWARD



TYRONE HAVNAR FOUNDATION

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The Season of the Scarab is 2026. This is the year we build structures. Systematic onboarding. Defined pathways. Infrastructure that holds people and moves them forward together.

INTERNAL AUDIT: FIRST RESULTS IN SEPTEMBER

We rejected applicants last year. Age was a factor in those rejections.

We asked: Were those rejections right? Did age predict anything about capability, commitment, or potential?

The audit team is going back through applications, tracking outcomes, re-examining our assumptions. In the first week of September, we are releasing what they find.

The results will reshape how we recruit for 2027. They might reshape how we think about developmental stage versus calendar age. They might change everything.

We are telling you this now so you know it's coming. So you stay glued to what we are learning. So you understand that this foundation moves when evidence tells us to move. Remember our cohorts were co-designed by our beneficiaries, A Human Centered Design Thinking road map.

We call this the Season of the Scarab.

In Egyptian iconography, the scarab holds the sun disk that golden orb of clarity and renewal. The scarab's work is methodical and industrial. It moves. It structures. It carries forward what gives light.

Look at our logo and you will see this: the scarab bearing that sun disk, wings spread wide, held within the shield. This is how we think about our work.

From the beginning of 2026 we looked inward. We asked questions about our gates, our criteria, who we were saying no to. Age had become a barrier instead of a bridge. That inquiry and that clarity is the sun disk we are now carrying forward.

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NOMINATIONS STILL OPEN: AWARD CYCLE CLOSES

We are looking for social change makers doing the work with no institutional backing. Not the ones with foundation grants or corporate sponsorship. The ones building in their communities and staying committed anyway.

If you know someone like that, nominate them here.

<https://tyronehavnarfoundation.co.za/trailblazer-awards-2026>

Deadline: 11 November 2026.

There is **no exact, centralized statistical figure** that quantifies the precise number of independent, unfunded social change-makers operating in Zambia without institutional backup.

These leaders we search for are structurally invisible to traditional data-gathering bodies. However, qualitative research and civil society landscape mappings provide clear context on the scale and nature of this phenomenon and our awards will bring out some statistics as a start to this gap.



SNIPPET: OUR WORK

Our work draws from ancient African wisdom, particularly the legacy of Egyptian civilization, a heritage of leadership, invention, architecture, governance, astronomy and philosophy that shaped the course of humanity. Too often forgotten, this foundation reminds Africans that their history is not defined by hardship alone but by brilliance, order, creativity and the courage to imagine what does not yet exist.

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MENTORS POOL: ROLLING APPLICATIONS

The scarab moves because it's supported. We need people in our mentors pool who have done this work.

If you have expertise in social entrepreneurship, program design, marketing, financial planning, systems thinking, or scaling impact, we want you structured into our work as a formal contributor.

You will have defined roles, clear expectations and access to people building things that matter. Apply here.

<https://tyronehavnarfoundation.co.za/become-a-mentor>

Rolling applications.

VOLUNTEERS POOL: ROLLING APPLICATIONS

Same principle. We need people who can facilitate workshops, review applications, support cohort sessions, help with events.

If you have got time and commitment, apply here. Rolling basis. We will match you to what we are doing.

<https://tyronehavnarfoundation.co.za/volunteer>

UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTIONS: LET'S BUILD TOGETHER

Our 2027 cohort needs partners. We are looking for higher education institutions, universities, technical colleges, vocational training centers who are willing to collaborate on curriculum, host visits, bring students into case studies, or host cohort sessions.

If your institution wants to be part of this infrastructure, email partnerships@tyronehavnarfoundation.co.za at

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Every person in our alumni network is someone with a model they are testing. Every person in our upcoming cohort will be designing something new. Every mentor, every volunteer, every structure we are building requires resources.

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WHATS NEXT?

- September: Audit results reshape how we think about criteria.
- 2027 Ambassador selections start 5 October 2026
- Awards selection closes and evaluation start 11 November 2026
- Announcement of the selected Award winner December 2026
- Cohort applications open February 2027
- Ambassadors from 12 countries begin evaluating, identifying and supporting applicants from their regions.
- By June 2027: Fifteen participants selected. Mentors and volunteers supporting their preparation. Residential cohort launches.

The scarab is rolling.

