



SWEEP
STUDENT WOMEN ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME



TRANSFORM**HER**

Welcome & Essentials

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“Living Lab Through HER Story”

SWEEP TransformHER
13-15 July 2026, South Africa

TRANSFORM *HER* LIVING LAB *through HER Story*

CO-CREATING SOLUTIONS.
BUILDING SKILLS.
CONNECTING ECOSYSTEMS.

**EMPOWERING WOMEN TO LEAD,
INNOVATE & CREATE IMPACT.**



ENTREPRENEURIAL
GROWTH



KNOWLEDGE &
SKILLS



COLLABORATION &
PARTNERSHIPS



ECOSYSTEM
SUPPORT



WOMEN
LEADING CHANGE

From lived experiences to lasting impact.

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- ☐ USAf / EDHE / SWEEP and its partners
- ☐ Sponsors
- ☐ All our speakers and facilitators
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- ☐ TransformHER consortium universities
- ☐ Student Ambassadors from UJ
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Who we are, and why we are here



SWEEP 2026 “TransformHER”

Student Women Economic Empowerment Programme (SWEEP)

British Council and Universities South Africa's (USAf's)

Entrepreneurship Development in Higher Education Programme (EDHE)

Exclusively for the SWEEP Chapter Student Executives/Committee Members and SWEEP Coordinators!

A consortium of 3 UK and 3 SA universities, 2 NGOs, 30+ entrepreneurs



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SWEEP 2026 TransformHER Consortium:

Advancing Women's Entrepreneurship in Higher Education through Creativity and Innovation

United Kingdom Partner Institutions



Prof Nadia Gulko
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Dr. Heather Connelly
University of Lincoln



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University



Dr. Katharina De Vita
Manchester Metropolitan
University



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Ward**
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South Africa Partner Institutions



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Prof. Erica Derbyshire
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Dr. Mamorena Matsoso
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Thandekile Koza
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UK/SA Advisors and Associate Partners



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Prof Emeritus Ted Fuller
UNESCO Chair on
Responsible Foresight for
Sustainable Development



Prof Herman van der Merwe
Deputy Dean Teaching &
Learning,
North-West University



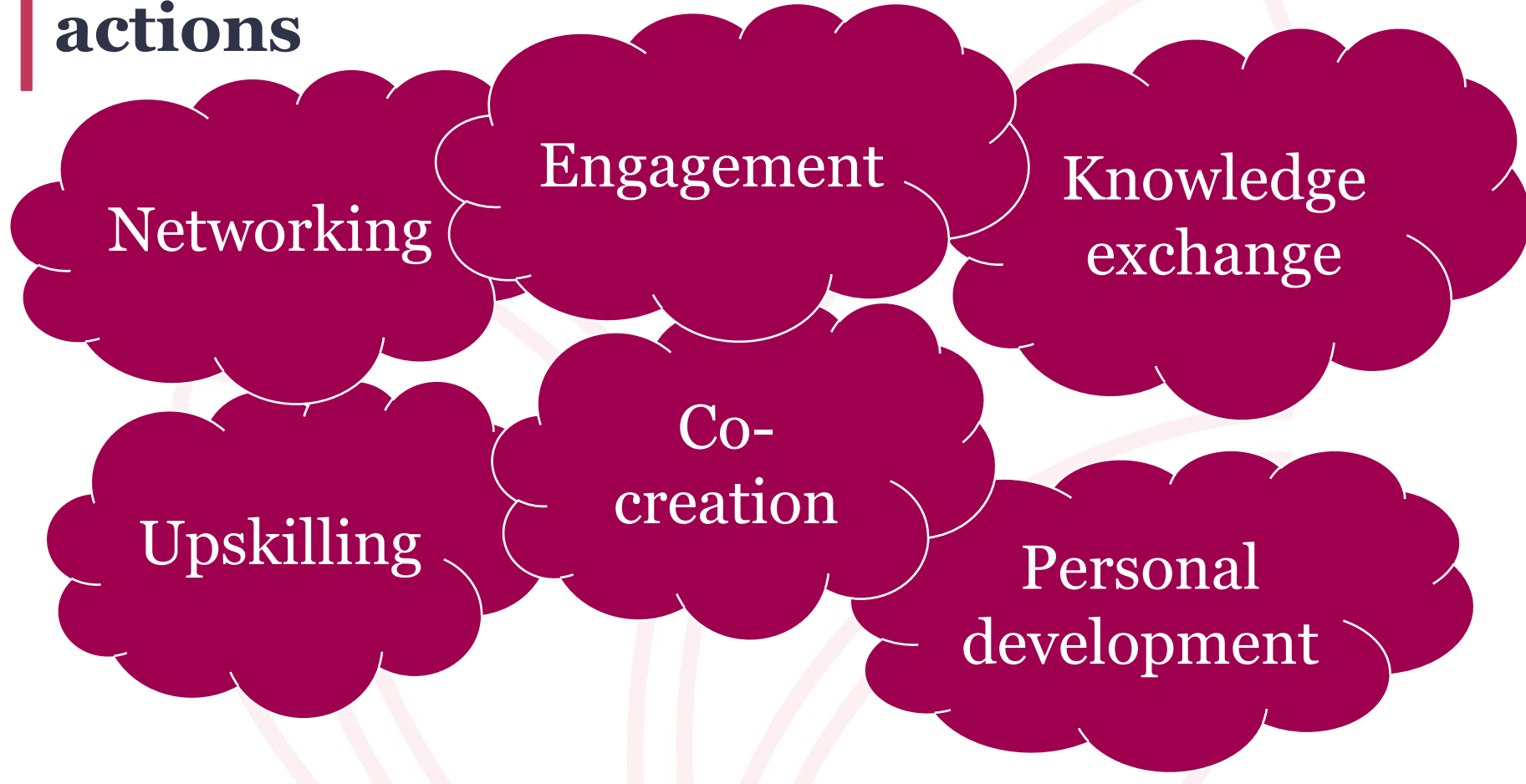
SWEEP 2026 TransformHER

- **HER Mentorship (HER roots + HER rise)**
- **HER Land**
- **HER Living Lab through HER Story**
- **HER Growth Mindset Cultivation**
- **HER Creation**



TRANSFORM**HER**

Transforming lived experiences into actions



Student Ambassadors

Nika Mendes



Alexa Rutte



Simphiwe Leon Ncube



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Keynote Speakers



Professor Verona Leendertz

Full Professor at the North-West University, South Africa
Deputy Dean for Research and Innovation in the Faculty
of Economic and Management Sciences at North-West
University, South Africa.



Annie McWalter

CEO of both SAICA Enterprise Development (SAICA ED)
and The Hope Factory – entities part of the South
African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA)



Professor Natanya Meyer

Full Professor at the University of Johannesburg,
South Africa
Interim DHET-NRF SARCHI Chair in Entrepreneurship
Education



Meet the Master Events Facilitator

Sally Newnham



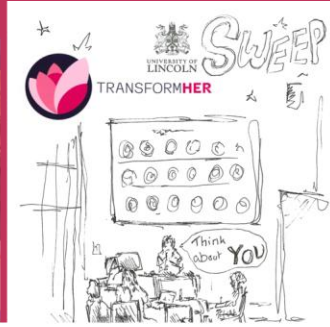
Do not miss these must attend sessions with Sally:

- Master Event 1:** Why should anyone be led by YOU?
- Master Event 2:** The accidental creative and finding your passion
- Master Event 3:** Your own space – so get out of your own way
- Master Event 4:** Do IT ... Now (or maybe later)

From Ideas, through implementation to impact.



MakeHER — Common Threads and New Directions workshop



Part of the
Creative Strand
led by Dr Heather
Connelly,
University of
Lincoln



BE INSPIRED
AND WORK TO INSPIRE
SUCCESSFUL
WOMEN

Participants are invited to work with Kate Morgan & Emily Dewis' illustrations of the TransformHER webinar series, to create their own wearable artworks and postcards and work together on creating a textile artwork that communicates their collective entrepreneurial journey to inspire others .



MakeHER — Common Threads and New Directions workshop

Design Student Ambassadors



Lemohang Serape



Katia Da Cunha



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Agenda





Key signs in the agenda

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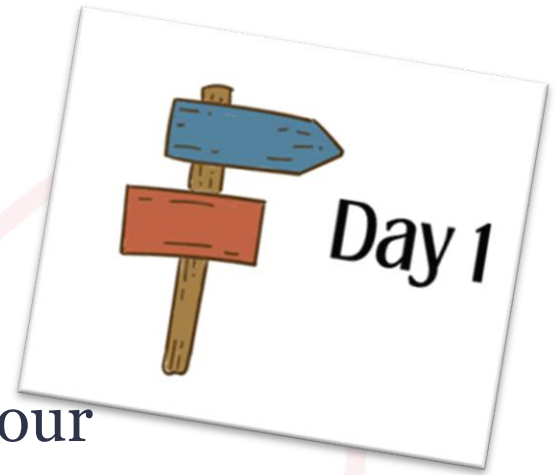
Yellow – keynotes

Purple – sessions with a professional trainer

Grey – academic forum

Blue – design sessions with Heather

Day 1



CONNECT

- Meet new people and begin building your TransformHER network

CREATE

- Explore new ideas through creativity, reflection and co-creation

DISCOVER

- Learn from different perspectives and embrace new ways of thinking

Day 2



LEARN

- Gain practical insights from experts, entrepreneurs and one another

COLLABORATE

- Share experiences, exchange ideas and work across disciplines and institutions

GROW

- Develop new skills, confidence and entrepreneurial capabilities

Day 3



REFLECT

- Consider your learning, experiences and personal growth

COMMIT

- Identify how you will apply your learning beyond the Living Lab

CONTINUE

- Strengthen your network and continue the TransformHER journey together



Social media

LinkedIn:

- Student Women Economic Empowerment Programme (SWEET)
- EDHE
- USAf
- British Council
- Tag Nadia Gulko and Sanlie Middelberg

Instagram:

- Edheentrepreneurship

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#EDHE #TransformHER

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Let the journey begin..

Have a wonderful
conference!



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