



Canon John Collins

1946

Christian Action

Canon John Collins, sets up Christian Action with the initial objective of promoting reconciliation in post-war Europe. Through CA, Collins raises funds to support families of ANC Defiance Campaign activists imprisoned for non-violent protests against South Africa's apartheid government.

1958

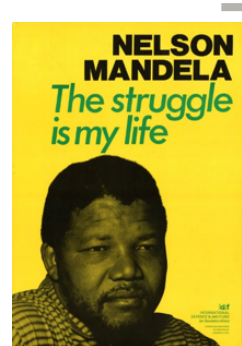
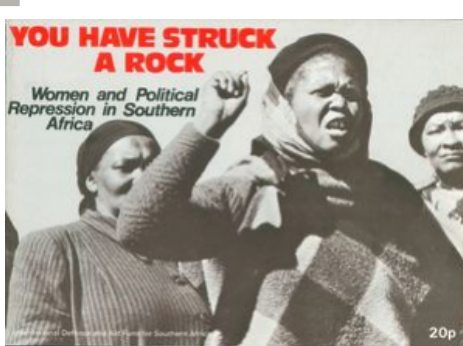
The British Defence and Aid Fund

Canon Collins merges various Christian Action funds raising money for South African anti-apartheid activities into the new British Defence and Aid Fund for Southern Africa (BDAF).



Over a period of 25 years, £100 million was smuggled into South Africa to help fund the legal costs of political trials and support the dependants of those opposing apartheid. In this way IDAF made a vital contribution to ending apartheid."

- Bill Frankel OBE
Secret Legal Counsel to IDAF



IDAF's extensive research and publication operation helps to raise international awareness of the plight of the South African people and build support for the anti-apartheid struggle.

1979

LRC

Legal Resources Centre

The Legal Resources Centre is established by lawyers and activists, including Arthur Chaskalson and Felicia Kentridge. LRC lawyers represent individuals arrested under pass law infractions and challenge forced removals and detention without trial. They become instrumental in dismantling much of the legal architecture of apartheid.

1985

Legal Assistance Trust

The Legal Assistance Trust is founded to raise money in the UK to support the work of the Legal Resources Centre.

1990

Mandela's Release and Expansion

Following the release of Nelson Mandela, CCETSA extends its work to ten SADC countries. Scholars start returning to southern Africa and become engaged in social justice work.



1956

Treason Trial Defence Fund

After his first visit to South Africa in 1954, Canon Collins launches the **Treason Trial Defence Fund** to raise money to pay the legal fees of 156 anti-apartheid activists, including Chief Albert Luthuli and Nelson Mandela.



1964

International Defence and Aid Fund and Rivonia Trial

BDAF is reconstituted as the **International Defence and Aid Fund (IDAF)**, with Canon Collins serving as President. Branches are formed in Britain, New Zealand, Scandinavia, Holland and India. IDAF pays the legal costs for defendants of the **Rivonia Trial**, in which Nelson Mandela is convicted of Treason and sentenced to life imprisonment.



Educational Trust for Southern Africa

Canon Collins and IDAF colleague Ethel de Keyser set up a trust to fund exiled activists and their children to study in the UK and other countries, acquiring the knowledge and skills they need to contribute to the new democracies predicted to emerge in southern Africa. After Collins' death, the organisation is renamed **Canon Collins Educational Trust for Southern Africa**.

1981



Giyani Science Centre



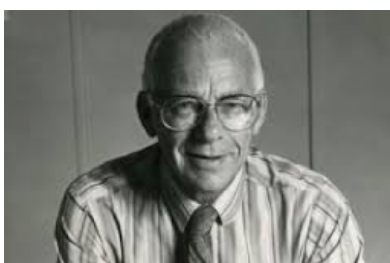
In the year of South Africa's first democratic elections, CCETSA begins funding the **Giyani Science Centre**, implementing a project to improve the standard of mathematics and science education in the province of Limpopo, which has been starved of quality education throughout the apartheid era.

1994

2016

Sylvester Stein Fellowship

Sylvester Stein Fellowship launched to honour the memory of renowned writer and activist.



2016: A Time for Academic Activism

Our annual Scholars' Conference addresses student activism and the #FeesMustFall movement.



All I can say to you, Canon Collins scholars, is get involved as Canon John Collins did. You will not only make society, your local community or the world better; you will infinitely make yourself better. Don't opt out, play your part in a changing world."

- Professor Mamokgethi Phakeng



2013

CCELAT partners with Wits Justice Project, an investigative journalism organisation researching human rights abuses and challenging miscarriages of justice.



CCELAT partners with **Equal Education**, a movement of learners, parents, teachers and community members working for quality and equality in South African education, through analysis and activism.

The Scholars' Scholar Award is launched. Funded by CCELAT alumni, it is awarded annually to an exceptional individual who embodies the Trust's vision of an open and just society.



2011

Adolescent Girls Literacy Project

CCETSA supports the Adolescent Girls Literacy Project (AGLIT) in Malawi to implement an education, literacy and sexual health programme to address the high rate of adolescent girls dropping out of school.

2002

Phelophepa Health Train

CCETSA partners with the **Phelophepa Health Train** to bring dedicated mobile teams of health professionals to poor, rural South Africans.



25 Years of Canon Collins 2006

Twenty-five years after it was set up, the work of the Canon Collins Trust is still much needed because it enables southern Africans themselves to transform lives.

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

1997



Nelson Mandela at a reception with the 2006 cohort of NMS scholars

Nelson Mandela Scholarships

Established in partnership with Unilever to develop leadership capacity in previously disadvantaged communities.

- Nelson Mandela

Leigh Day Law Scholarships 2000

Established for undergraduate students at University of the Western Cape, later extended to the University of Fort Hare.

2015

CCELAT raises funds from Comic Relief to support LRC's ongoing work to defend the housing and land rights of some of SA's most vulnerable citizens.



2014

Our Scholarship in Action Impact Report findings show that **96% of CCELAT alumni remain living and working in Africa.**



2012

CCETSA merges with the Legal Assistance Trust (LAT) to become the **Canon Collins Educational and Legal Assistance Trust (CCELAT)**.



2008

Graca Machel Scholarships

are launched to fund southern African women from rural or disadvantaged backgrounds to complete postgraduate education.



Education can be the difference between a life of grinding poverty and the potential for a full and secure one.

- Graca Machel

Ros Moger and Terry Furlong Scholarships

Established in memory of two dedicated London educationalists to support southern African scholars to complete degrees in the fields of Education, Arts & Humanities



2001

CCETSA founder **Ethel de Keyser is awarded an OBE for services to human rights.** She directs the organisation until her death in 2004, having dedicated her life to the South African liberation struggle.