

# Our Objective

We are building a multi-national network of women that strengthens individuals to enhance economic independence and integration into the broader South African community.

Our Objectives are:

- To build a network for women to access and share resources for personal skills and business development.
- To host relevant workshops that relate to health, human rights, leadership, and preparing for work.
- To support training in personal and professional development, including communication skills, networking, conflict resolution, goal-setting, and self-esteem development.
- To support training in skills necessary for employment and small business management including computer literacy, childcare, hospitality, and artisan skills.



# About Scalabrini

Perceiving migration as an opportunity, the Scalabrini Centre is committed to alleviating poverty and promoting development in the Western Cape while fostering integration between migrants, refugees and South Africans.



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# Women's Platform

A multi-national network of women

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# Projects

## 1 Registration

To register with the Women's Platform, you must:

- Come to Scalabrini Mon- Fri from 9am - 12pm
- Complete a registration form
- Take an English assessment

## 2 Personal Development

Women who register with the Women's Platform start with the Personal Development Course. This course is structured as follows:

- 4 weeks long
- Tuesdays & Thursdays from 1:30 pm- 4:00pm
- We cover communication, professionalism, goal-setting and self-care.

The Women's Platform also offers open workshops on health, human rights, leadership and preparing for work.

As well as this, the programme offers: a women's clinic, typing courses, and a leadership development group.



Picture: Nicky Newman

## 3 Specific Sector Skills Training

After completing Personal Development, members of the Women's Platform can register for one of five Skills Trainings.

These courses are taught by experienced members of the Women's Platform. Each course is R100. The courses offered are:

- Sewing (Mondays & Wednesdays, 2 months),
- Beading (Mondays & Wednesdays, 2 months)
- Childcare (Fridays, 3 months)
- Nails (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 months)
- Hospitality (Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2 months)

The Women's Platform also offers the following:

- Job shadowing & work experience
- Small business skills course
- Excursions

## 4 Mentorship

Once a member completes a Sector Skills Training, we work closely with them in the following areas:

- Individualised post-training support
- Monthly check-ins on personal goals
- Site visits & peer mentorship
- Work readiness support



### Womanifesto The Women's Platform Values

At the Women's Platform,  
we believe in:

Supporting each other  
Standing together  
Building a network  
Accountability  
Mutual respect