

## SNAC PODCAST S1

The Student Hunger Subgroup is looking at designing and implementing approaches to address student hunger that are student-centered, sustainable, and humanising. One such effort was hosting a week-long indaba in 2023 with lunch-time workshops to address the question: "*How can Mandela University develop its own unique approach to student hunger?*"

At the end of the week, participants were asked, 'what next?' One of the primary responses was to continue the conversation with students across geographical spaces and virtual platforms, disciplines, and campuses.

**This podcast is our effort to do exactly that.**

The name - Student Nutrition Advocacy and Communication (SNAC) - was an initiative started in 2020 by a group of students alarmed at the rising hunger amongst their peers. One of these students became part of the student hunger subgroup, linking our efforts with the original initiative. By using the name they developed we honour the work they did and our commitment to build on it going forward.

We invite comments and critical thoughts, and encourage you to continue the conversation wherever you are.

The SNAC podcast is an initiative of the Student Hunger Subgroup, located in the Mandela University Food Systems programme. For more information, contact [foodsystems@mandela.ac.za](mailto:foodsystems@mandela.ac.za)

*This podcast was recorded in collaboration with the Transformation Office's Equality, Promotion and Social Inclusion project.*

See the Hluma Indaba Report [here](#).

### EP1: Introduction

*By Ms Ntombovuyo Linda and Mr Pushetji Leshilo*

Ms Ntombovuyo Linda is the Media and Communications Coordinator in the Engagement Office at Mandela University. An Alumni of Mandela University, she has a background in political sciences and international relations.

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Carl sets the scene for season one of the SNAC podcast as Ntombovuyo speaks to him about his experience in the Student Hunger Subgroup, the complexities he's faced in trying to tackle such an issue, as well as some of his reflections from the Hluma Indaba in 2023.