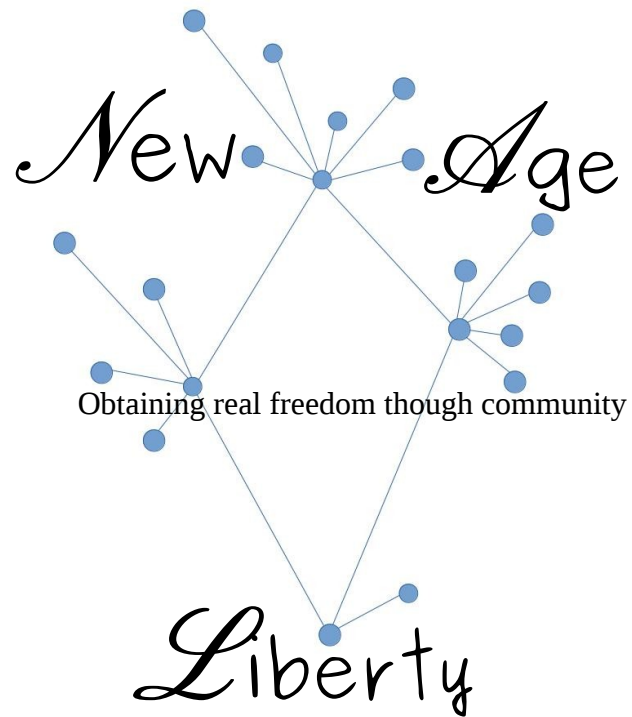


Founding manifesto

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Liberty

noun

1. The condition of being free from control or restrictions
2. The condition of being free from imprisonment slavery or forced labour
3. The condition of being free to act, believe or express oneself as one chooses
4. Freedom from excessive government control

Living in a country that completed a revolution against apartheid, it is chilling to wake up to a reality where unemployment rates soar between 70 and 80%. An unsettling wake-up call that the fight for liberty did not end in 1994 – It was just the beginning. The NAL imagines and seeks to achieve that imagination of a better South Africa of the future where the country's wealth is NOT controlled by a minority. Where the economy is NOT dominated by large foreign owned corporate monopolies that only seek to increase the gap between the rich minority and the poor majority. Where the ruling nationalist party DOES NOT support the minority corporate monopolies by imposing heavy taxes on employees and small businesses while hardly taxing these minority owned corporate monopolies, perpetuating the monopolistic tendencies of these minority owned companies (killing any potential for competition in the economy). Where hunger and homelessness is NOT the reality of the majority (of the population). Where miseducation and misinformation is NOT widespread, perpetuating the increase in hunger and homelessness amongst the majority and further increasing the wealth gap between the minority and majority. Of course this is the status quo in most of the world, especially the so called developing countries.

The NAL was formed as a response to this injustice. The NAL is a non-profit organisation that seeks to return liberty to the people by conscientisation of the people, by showing the people their power to obtain liberty for

themselves regardless of who is in the seat of economic and/or political power.

The NAL is a decentralised organisation, structured to give the power back to the people, it is run by the people in order to bring liberty to the people.

Goals of the NAL

- Employ the unemployed persons/people
- Make it clear to the people the organisations and companies that work for them and the ones that work against them
- Gather support behind land reforms in order that the people may have land to live on
- Educate people in the building of houses and growing of food (so they may build homes and grow food on their land)
- Offer economic and financial guidance to all those that are looking to start small businesses, NPOs and people struggling with personal finances
- Start permaculture schools everywhere they are needed
- Feed those who cannot feed themselves
- House those that cannot house themselves
- Cloth those that cannot cloth themselves
- Develop sustainable open-source technology to reduce operational labour requirements to a minimum (this will allow man power to be directed towards social reformation)

Ideology

- Non-violence
- Decentralisation
- Direct democracy
- Sustainability
- Minimalism (simplicity)
- Self sustainability

The above qualities plus the teachings found in a book called the dao de jing underline the guiding principles of the NAL. This book holds the blueprints to the achievement of the NAL's goals.

The NAL is a non-violent organisation formed in order that the people may take back their liberty from the powers that oppress them and interfere with them. The organisation believes in equality and equal participation, thus operates under a direct democracy. Through direct democracy the principle of the people governing the people is fulfilled. The organisation operates under a decentralised structure as centralised structures have a limited sphere of influence and is prone to totalitarianism. The organisation believes in sustainable living and operation (after all we must leave the earth intact for the youth to inherit, it would be truly selfish of us if we destroy the earth that the youth shall inherit because of our decadence). The organisation believes in self-sustainability because self-sustainability = independence, this gives the organisation and its members the ability/freedom to do as they want rather than what they must do to survive.