

## THE UTHINGO NETWORK WELCOMES A NEW DIRECTOR

Dear Friends, Colleagues and Partners of Uthingo Network,

The Board of Uthingo Network is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Sibeko-Ngidi as our new Director from the 1st April 2022.

As Director, Brian will provide leadership to our initiatives to further our strategic objectives. He will also consolidate and build on our strong track record of partnership development and deliver further growth by securing funding to support existing and new collaborative initiatives.



Brian has a successful history within the network as an ex-board chairperson. He joined the board amidst a financial crisis and collaborated with fellow board members to create a turnaround strategy that ensured that the network has a solid financial foundation. He has also played a crucial part in securing additional funding for our programmatic work across the KwaZulu-Natal province.

Brian has worked in the LGBTQI+ non-profit sector for over 11 years in coordination and managerial positions. He has extensive experience in leadership, strategy, stakeholder engagement, and programme design. He has served on several boards and committees in the LGBTQI+ health and advocacy sector, and currently serves as an advisory board member for the Aurum Institute's MSM/Transgender programme known as POPP INN.

Speaking on his appointment, Brian said,

*“It is indeed an honour and privilege to be given the opportunity to lead Uthingo Network and continue to build on Anthony Waldhausen’s incredible legacy, which has already contributed so much to changing the lives of the queer community of KwaZulu-Natal. With the support of the Network’s team and board, I look forward to driving continued growth and the overall success of Uthingo Network.”*

The board and team of Uthingo Network would like to congratulate Brian on his new role and wish him all the best!

Sincerely,

Sizwe Sithole: Board Chairperson

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