

Note for KAYA FM – 21 April 2023

We are all terribly shocked at Tiego's passing. I have known Tiego for more than 30 years. He was a few years ahead of me when we were students at Wits University and at the time he was one of the most articulate and powerful voices in the anti-apartheid student movement.

He served as a student leader at Wits and at a national level and he played a leading role in the United Democratic Front.

In recent years we worked together very closely along with former student leaders to promote inter-generation dialogue between students of the 'anti-apartheid generation' and students of the 'fees must fall generation' as well as to mobilise assistance and solidarity for students in need to truly open the doors of Learning and Culture as envisaged in the Freedom Charter.

Tiego was a natural leader whose light shone most brightly. He was brilliant and inspiring always brimming with energy and new ideas. His example helped to keep many of us mobilised – inspired by the vision that a better, fairer and more inclusive South Africa is possible and that we should never stop working to make it so.