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“ALAN PATON-HIS EARLY YEARS”
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The Alan Paton Lecture honours the legacy of renowned South African writer and activist Alan Paton. It aims to celebrate his literary contributions and commitment to social justice, while fostering dialogue on literature, ethics, and cultural identity in South Africa.



FRIDAY,
29 AUGUST 2025



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GUEST SPEAKER MR MALCOLM PEARSE

Mr Pearse is the son of RO (Reginald Oliver). Pearse who grew up and was friends with Alan Paton and attended university together. Malcolm is the author, photographer, a mountaineer and an adventure enthusiast. Malcolm has written the first volume of his memoirs; "All the Hills are home" which is a sequel to "Barrier of Spears". Barrier of Spears is R.O. Pearse's book illustrated by Malcolm Pearse himself.

He also wrote A Camera in Quathamba which is a photographic record of mountain ranges in Africa. Malcolm is acknowledged as one of the foremost outdoor photographers in South Africa.



RESPONDENT PROF DARRYL EARL DAVID

Professor David is an alumni of the University of Durban-Westville. Former head of departments of Afrikaans and English at UKZN Pietermaritzburg Campus and is now the lecturer of Afrikaans Education at the University of Western Cape. He is a writer and a freelance travel journalist. He co-authored IOI Country Churches of SA 2010 and 2012 respectively, A Platteland Pilgrimage with Philippe Menache. He is the founder of the UKZN Alan Paton Literary Festivals and many other cultural enterprises. Darryl managed to elevate the City of Durban to Unesco City of Literature, Hermanus to Unesco City of Gastronomy and Howick to Unesco City of Craft and Art.

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