

## My Journey from Apartheid to Freedom

Chris Lubbe is an amazing storyteller who shares stories from his past to inspire hope and courage.

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Born at a very difficult period in South Africa's history, Chris made a decision early in his life to become an activist and to oppose the racially based system of 'apartheid'. This decision was to put him on a direct collision course with the 'apartheid' regime which resulted in several spells of incarceration, torture and near-death experiences.

After Nelson Mandela's release in 1990 and the fall of 'apartheid', Chris worked with Nelson Mandela until his retirement as a bodyguard and also got involved in the delicate negotiations with the 'apartheid regime' resulting in subsequent agreement and the drafting of the new constitution.

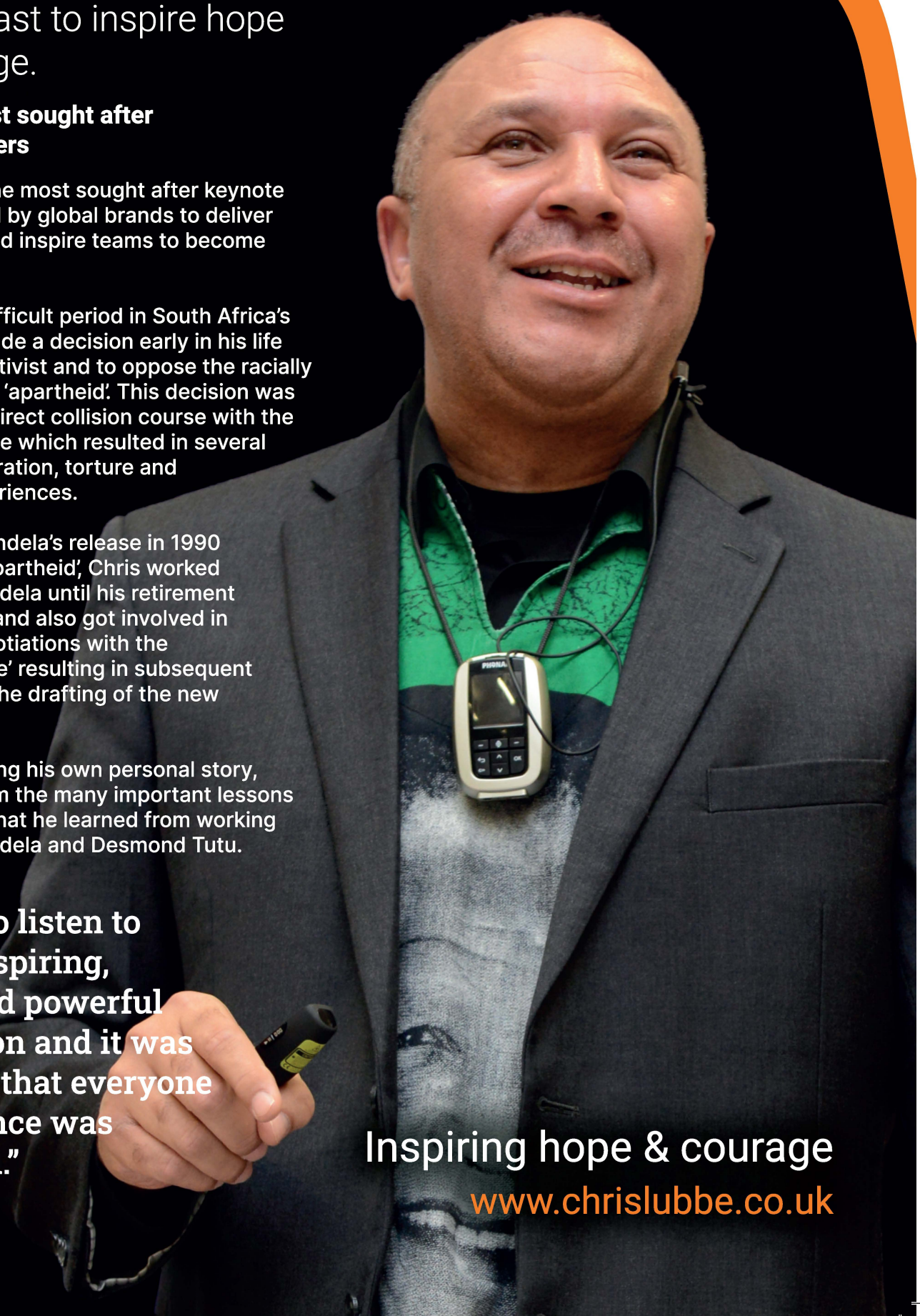
Apart from sharing his own personal story, Chris shares from the many important lessons and anecdotes that he learned from working with Nelson Mandela and Desmond Tutu.

**"It is rare to listen to  
such an inspiring,  
moving and powerful  
presentation and it was  
quite clear that everyone  
in attendance was  
spellbound."**

Mark Mortimer

**Inspiring hope & courage**

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"During his October 2018 visit to New Jersey Chris Lubbe presented an assembly to middle school students from four area school districts. Our school district was experiencing issues pertaining to diversity, tolerance, and bias, so his message was both timely and highly relevant. Chris' presentation about his experience in actively opposing apartheid and serving as a body guard to Nelson Mandela mesmerized both the students and staff. His message of tolerance, forgiveness, and acceptance was inspiring and uplifting! Chris readily connected with several hundred 13 and 14 year old students and he was like a rock star to them".

Michael L. Harris, Superintendent of Schools  
- Southampton Township, New Jersey, USA

"Chris spoke recently at our company leadership event as part of a team of speakers addressing the broad theme of leadership. His focus was Nelson Mandela and talking about South Africa's transition from white minority to black majority rule as well as the circumstances of his own life. Chris speaks about the time through the prism of his role as a bodyguard and therefore closeness to then President Mandela with great passion, humour as well as humility. This was an address given to a mixed group of persons from executive level to junior hi potentials and it held the audience spellbound. The message is personal and the learning experience unique to each individual depending on their experience but is captivating at every level and thoroughly recommended listening. What Chris said will long be reflected on particularly in the circumstances of current world leadership".

Tim Hargreaves, Head of HR - Ricardo PLC

"Chris delivered a talk to 3,500 staff, and I have never had a response to a session quite like the one I had today. What an incredible session. The number of emails and messages I received meant I have only now got around to getting back to you – so many people moved to action in so many ways. You are an amazing communicator of such a terrible and difficult time, but a person who really inspires hope and change. I have no doubt that Nelson Mandela would be very proud. Doing his smile somewhere and the little dance every time you make sure people learn from our history. It was a real privilege to have got to know you, and to share the stage with you – thank you for doing this talk, and this work.

David Hudson - Co-head CIB Digital & Platform Services - JP Morgan

## Accolades

Chris is a UNICEF Children's Ambassador and has spoken at various organisations including:

- TED
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards (DofE)
- St James Palace
- JP Morgan
- Princeton University
- IBM
- NHS England
- Marlborough College
- Warminster School
- Bryanston School
- Trinity College
- DLD College (London)
- Prior Park College
- Bedes
- Frensham Heights School

...to name but a few.

"Thank you for your participation in our recent Scottish Medical Education Conference at the EICC in Edinburgh. I am very aware of the pressure of time under which we all work, and am very grateful indeed that you were able to be with us and for your excellent contribution. Initial feedback has been very positive, and I believe that this reflects very much on all those who contributed to what proved to be an interesting, enjoyable and most successful couple of days".

Professor Rowan Parks, Deputy Director of Medicine - NHS Scotland



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