



Zain Nazier (youth coordinator) joined New World Foundation in 1999. At that time, he was 19 years old. He started out as a volunteer, became a life skills facilitator and is now employed as the coordinator of the youth strategy. Zain: "I enjoy working for the NWF because it is a family organisation. Everybody knows each other and we rely on one another. Everybody is working towards a similar goal, which is to make a difference in the community. The volunteers make life at NWF also very exciting. Especially the German volunteers, as they question about certain things. Their questions make us think and provide a two way street learning experience."

Zain has lived in Grassy Park all his life, and all he knew about Lavender Hill was that it is a place full of gangs and violence and that you shouldn't go there. This all changed when his friend's mother gave him a NWF application form for the computer training/work place skills course. At that time, acquiring computer skills was the "in thing" and Zain thought he would be better equipped to find a job if he participated in the course. Zain was fascinated by the teaching and the methodology used by NWF's facilitators. It allowed him to not only gain computer skills, but to learn a lot about himself. Three months after completing the course he received a call from NWF, asking if he wanted to volunteer as a facilitator for their future courses. Zain happily accepted the offer. After a year of volunteering, he was offered a paid position as life skills facilitator.

Zain attended an adult learning education course at UCT and did lots of short courses and training. "You pick up a lot of skills and knowledge during these short courses, you learn about yourself and your own development as a person".

Four years ago, believing he outgrew the NWF, Zain left for a year, spending his time working at a neighbouring school for the Earth Child Project. However, looking from the outside inside, he could see that his work at NWF had not been completed. He was re-employed as the youth coordinator in 2009.

In his free time, Zain enjoys fishing, hiking, camping, spending quality time with quality people, drawing and painting.