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IkamvaYouth Skills Development Programme Update



In 2023 IkamvaYouth, piloted a Skills Development programme aimed at supporting young people (aged 18 to 35) who are not in education, employment or training (NEET).

The goal of this programme is to address youth unemployment by providing young people with skills, work experience and placement support into full time employment that is meaningful to them. Traditionally, IkamvaYouth focuses on after-school academic support for high school learners attending under-resourced schools. Whilst academic support is essential for learners to complete school with marks that allow them to study further or enter the workforce this does not guarantee that they will actually be able to go on to do this. Poverty and job scarcity are major stumbling blocks that young people face. Programmes such as our Skills Development programme seek to address these

challenges and provide practical support for young people entering the job market.

The programme was launched in four provinces across South Africa: Limpopo, Gauteng, North West, and Western Cape. Approximately 200 students graduated in Information and Communications Technology, and Appliances and Cellphone repairs among others, at Centurion in Tshwane.

Youth Empowerment and Bridge to Tertiary Programme



Learners from our IkamvaYouth Atlantis Branch in the Western Cape who are part of the Newlands Rotary Club partnered with Cornerstone Institute to introduce the Youth Empowerment and Bridge To Tertiary Programme. This collaborative effort aims to address the pressing needs of previously disadvantaged youth by providing essential skills in computer literacy and academic proficiency, catalysing their entry into the world of work and higher education. Check out the full article on BizCommunity's website.

[Full Article Here](#)

Community Collaborations Programme Partner Feature: Diakonia AIDS Ministry



Meet our Community Collaborations Partner! Introducing Diakonia AIDS Ministry, one of our valued partners spearheading an after-school programme in Jabavu, Soweto. Their initiatives encompass academic support, food security initiatives such as their food garden, HIV/AIDS support programmes, and psychosocial assistance. As their academic programme gains momentum, evidence-based research demonstrates that learners benefit from working in small groups, fostering improved peer interaction and peer learning opportunities. To learn more about their impactful work, visit their website below.

[Diakonia Aids Ministry](#)

EhWoza! Learner Doccies



“Unmasking is an impactful documentary film created by three learners from our IkamvaYouth Makhaza branch in Khayelitsha. The documentary focuses on the lives of two individuals deeply affected by tuberculosis (TB). It zeroes in on how their lives have been deeply affected by TB: a man who has lost a lung and almost his life, as well as a woman acting to save her four-year-old daughter. Filmed against the backdrop of the township of Khayelitsha, the film interweaves personal battles with the larger narrative of TB's stealthy devastation in the community.

Staff Member Spotlight: Yanga Totyi



As the month of March draws to a close, we bid farewell to our Community Collaborations Programme Manager, Yanga Totyi. Yanga departs IkamvaYouth after nine incredible years in which she held multiple roles. Yanga started at IkamvaYouth in 2014 as an Intern and was also a Branch Coordinator at our IkamvaYouth Atlantis branch for 6 years. Yanga has been involved in local, national, and international development activities such as the Global Thinkers Forum, Education For Sustainable Development Expert Net, and the FirstRand Foundation volunteers programme. We would like to wish Yanga all the best with her future endeavours!

Support A Learner Today



At IkamvaYouth, our mission is to use cutting-edge educational approaches to create pathways for young people from under-resourced communities to pull themselves and each other into sustainable livelihoods. With on-going help from our supporters, we have a 21-year track record of achieving this mission. Support a learner today by making a donation below:

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Employee Volunteering



IkamvaYouth runs Employee Volunteering initiatives for companies that are looking to give back. Employees can volunteer as tutors through our after-school programme at our branches and support learners with their homework. As a tutor in our programme, you can make a real impact on the lives of learners from disadvantaged communities and build their dreams by not only assisting them with school work but also by being a role model.

If you would like to know more, please contact our Fundraising Coordinator, Natasha at :natasha@ikamvayouth.org

Earn BBBEE Points By Partnering with IkamvaYouth



We would like to work with you to ensure you seamlessly receive the full benefit of your donation! You have the ability to transform lives with your donation while also receiving a financial benefit for your business. When donating to IkamvaYouth you will receive your Section 18a tax benefit or improve your B-BBEE score by earning Skills Development, Socio-Economic Development or Supplier Development points.

Here's how we can assist you with your Scorecard:

Skills Development: The measurement of the extent to which employers carry out initiatives designed to develop the competencies of Black employees and Black people internally and externally. IkamvaYouth has set up internships and training (including vocational, digital and work readiness) which represents an opportunity for your company to earn Skills Development points.

Socio-Economic Development: This involves contributions to projects and initiatives that benefit local communities and promote social development. Examples of support include financial grants; direct cost incurred supporting the SED beneficiary and provision of professional services.

Supplier Development: Encourages organisations to support and invest in Black-owned businesses and suppliers. If your business implements part of your Skills Development plan through IkamvaYouth, you can qualify for Supplier Development points.

If you would like to know more, please contact our Fundraising Coordinator,
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