

GETON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWS LETTER



May 2018

Great thing instore for GetOn Skills Development Centre

It is such a pleasure to have been part of GetOn Skills Development since it started more than 12 years ago. When the founders recognised that the real need in South Africa was not for a hand OUT, but a hand UP, this was pretty forward thinking! Nowadays skills training and job creation is a priority for government and the private sector, and I am proud to have been part of GetOn, which has been helping restore dignity to people since it started.

I've seen such growth at GetOn since that time – with a couple of turns along the way. We've moved locations a few times...had a few managers.. and have achieved real stability and growth over recent years at the current location with Brenton Cryer at our helm.

It gives me such pleasure to visit GetOn and see what's happening in the classrooms. To see people who are studying hard and are keen to get into employment fills me with such hope for the future of South Africa. I particularly enjoy stopping off at the Life Skills classes and joining in the conversations. The life skills learned here are a huge factor in the success which students have in getting and keeping jobs, as well as the impact it has in the rest of their lives.

I'm very fortunate to be able to travel and meet many people, and I love telling them about GetOn. People are astounded to hear the placement and success rates that we achieve. GetOn students who become employed don't just benefit themselves – they become role models for their families and communities, and I think this shows in how many others are drawn to the Centre because of the success stories they've seen.

The GetOn staff are a fantastic asset to the Centre. A great delight is that so many staff members have risen up having been students at GetOn themselves. It has been a pleasure for me to work with the team in leadership development. This will impact greatly, both within the centre and more broadly.

I see great things in store for GetOn over the next five years! Further development of current courses is only a start. The replication of GetOn Skills Development Centre is long overdue, and I look forward to seeing many more people in South Africa being impacted through more Centres being opened.

Pippa Shaper – GetOn Trustee



GetOn Trustees

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Student Happily Employed



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Citadel Wealth Management

Doing good while doing business is a way that corporate South Africa can make an impact in our country's direct needs such as unemployment. In saying this, it gave GetOn great honor and privilege to welcome Jean de Villiers, ex South African Rugby Captain, and representative from Citadel Wealth Management to our Centre in Pretoria. Citadel Wealth Management donated R250 000 to GetOn Skills Development after bearing witness to the success at our centre, and we look forward to building relationship with Jean and Citadel as we look at eradicate youth unemployment and poverty through skills and business development together.

Premier Foods

GetOn would like to thank Premier for the generous donation of 900 boxes of cupcake and cake mixes that will be used in the GetOn Bake for Profit course and distributed to GetOn Beneficiaries as a kick start to their small home bakery businesses.

TK Foundation

Creating a better world requires teamwork, partnerships, and collaboration. This has been evident in GetOn's relationship with TK Foundation, who have donated just under R700 000 to GetOn for the second year. We would like to thank Heather and the TK team for the support and evaluations keeping GetOn Skills Development true to our beneficiaries and outcomes.



Jean de Villiers Visit to GetOn



Premier Donation to students

ArcelorMittal SA

"We are proud to be a partner in an initiative that is dedicated to the development of our communities, especially youth. Despite the economic challenges, ArcelorMittal has committed itself for the past 5 years to build a legacy of quality education and creating social entrepreneurs.

This partnership started with GetOn Foundation having a home at our premises, because our strategies are aligned - addressing social instability by creating jobs and entrepreneurs. We know that Government and Corporate cannot do it alone, but the importance of NGOs such as GetOn Foundation is evident in the type of work and role they play in the communities." – **Prudence Masike, ArcelorMittal South Africa.**

GetOn would like to thank ArcelorMittal for their support and donation of R250 000 for the 2018 financial year. It has been a great honor to work with the ArcelorMittal team over the past five years.



BNZ Tour of GetOn

Bongi Ngema-Zuma Foundation (BNZ)

"Complete rather than compete" – GetOn is very thankful for the generous donation of 10 high tech computers donated to GetOn by BNZ Foundation, and supplied by Pinnacle. BNZ a local Non-Profit Organisation, were given the computers as a donation from Pinnacle, and did not have a direct need for them, and decided to donate them to GetOn as we have shown success in our training initiatives and as the equipment will be utilized to empower the unemployed.

Technological Innovations

As a holistic development centre with a focus on unemployed youth in South Africa, GetOn has a responsibility to our beneficiaries and our environment to provide the best possible service in skills training. In light of this GetOn has made extensive improvements to the GetOn Skills Development website and Mobile App in 2018, so that we can reach more people and have a greater impact, whilst shifting from a paper base registration system, by letting beneficiaries register for courses online, thereby saving one tree at a time. The online systems assist GetOn with developing a beneficiary profile and understanding their needs and experiences at our Centre, so that we can continue improving our services.

The success of GetOn strongly relies on our corporate partners and small businesses, who give our students work experience opportunities, and potential employment. Please visit our website if you have any recruitment requirements and GetOn will happily assist you. GetOn does not charge for this and serves as a bridge between beneficiary and employer by linking the two, as it is our vision to get youth into jobs and provide businesses with opportunities.



GetOn Students

GetOn Courses

Basic Computers (4 weeks)

Office Admin (12 weeks)

Bake for Profit (8 weeks)

Barista Training (8 weeks)

Entrepreneurial Training (2 weeks)

Point of Sales (4 weeks)

Additional Offerings:

Job Readiness Workshops

Life Skills and Personal Finance

Enterprise Development (GED)

School Outreach Programme

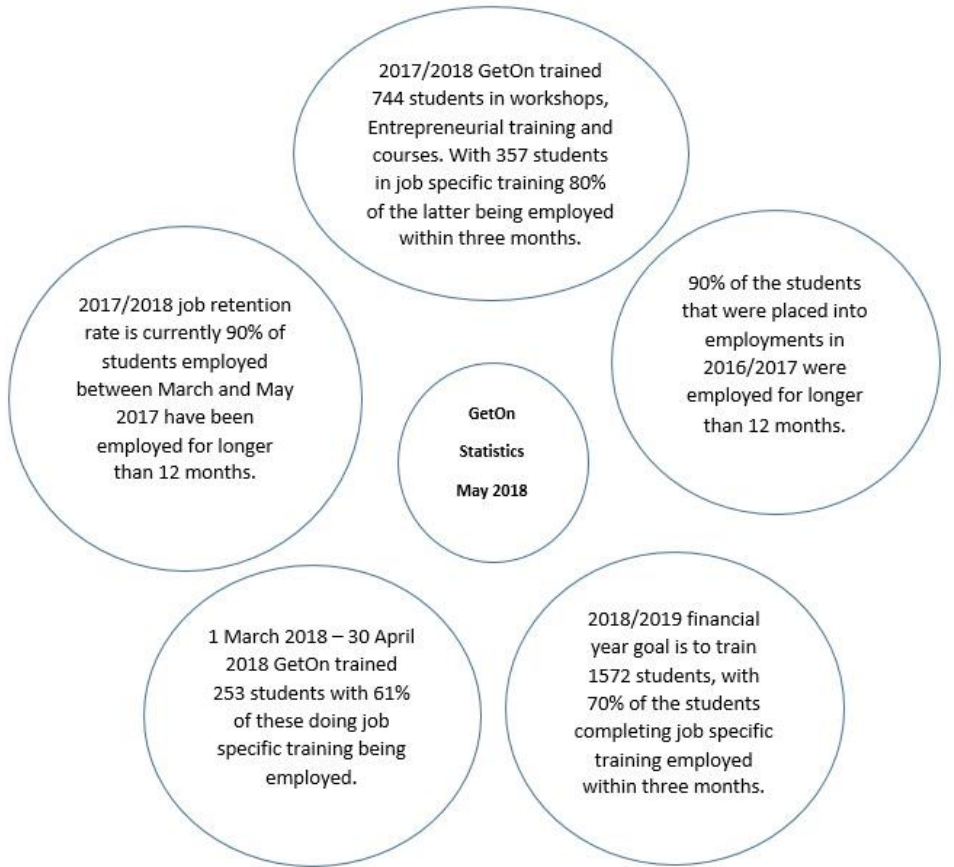
GetOn Business Incubation Hub

GetOn Open Days

- 31 May 2018
- 28 June 2018
- 26 July 2018

The next GetOn Graduation will be on the 3 August 2018.

For additional information on Courses/Open Days contact us on (012) 3870652



GetOn Diagram Representing the success rate over the last two years

Inspiring time at the GetOn Graduation May 2018

The numbers of students graduating each year at GetOn Skills Development Centre is rapidly growing- numbers that not only bear witness to the growth of the Centre, but also the increasing demand for skills development. GetOn will now host three Graduations per year, in May, August and November, to accommodate all students.

Smiles shone on the faces of our students as they reaped the reward of months of hard work and studying. Dressed in black caps and gowns, 150 students gathered at the Auditorium to celebrate their graduation ceremony on Friday the 4th of May 2018.

One of the students commented, "I was filled with a real sense of accomplishment. During my time at GetOn, I realized just how much I didn't know and how much more there is to learn." Our Managing Director, Mr. Brenton Cryer congratulated each graduate for their hard work, "Each year I have the honor of recognizing the achievements of our students that have overcome daily challenges and yet continue to strive for success and today we celebrate the outcomes of that decision to invest in themselves. They have every reason to be as proud of themselves as I am of them."

Also present on the day were our Board of Trustees, Mr. Daniel Ngwepe, Dr Janet Strauss and Prof Derrick Kourie as they honored the students by holding the certification ceremony with the respective trainers. Family and friends of the graduating students were there witnessing the celebration of their loved ones' achievements.

Graduates and their families also heard from inspirational guest speaker, Ralph Mathekga, one of South Africa's leading political analysts. He also taught politics at the University of the Western Cape and worked as a senior policy analyst at the National Treasury. He encouraged our students with these wise words, "Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail", and then quoted JK Rowling's "We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves: we have the power to imagine better."



Graduates May 2018

The South Africa's unemployment rate remains unchanged at 26.7% in the first quarter of 2018, how can you be a catalyst for change, read some of the successes stories below, to see how GetOn Skills Development is making a difference. We encourage corporates, individuals and NPOs to collaborate with us in our strive to eradicate poverty.

I am fortunate to say I have a salary - Thato Ledwaba

“I’m thankful for the opportunity to have studied the Point of Sales course at GetOn Skills Development Centre. In a world where so many young people are struggling to meet their basic needs, I am fortunate to say that I have a salary, to fulfill my personal needs and those of my family. I have been working for Smollan as a merchandiser for over 2 years now and I love what I do. I am excited for the possibilities that await me each day that will make me thrive in what I do. Everywhere I go I recommend GetOn to all my friends that are also trying to better their lives.”



GetOn Skills Development Graduation May 2018



Thato Ledwaba at work

New skills lead to a new job - Dineo Mashigo

“After completing the Office Administration Course at GetOn Skills Development Centre, I felt motivated to find a job with my newly acquired skills. I was willing to take on any role to get my foot into the door, and was offered an opportunity at POLO merely two months after completing the course at GetOn. I started working for the company in December 2017, as their retail Associate at The Mall of Africa. Due to my motivation to better my life and eagerness to learn, I was soon promoted to the head office to take on the role as a receptionist. This is really an exciting and at the same time challenging opportunity, however I am confident that I can prove myself in the new position, as the skills-set acquired at GetOn and the job responsibilities are a great match. I would like to encourage other young people to learn and reach their full potential.”

Turning her passion into an income was the dream of Monica.

Always eager to bake, Monica heard about the Bake for Profit course at GetOn Skills Development Centre through a friend at her local church. At the time she was working as a part time nurse, and wanted to supplement her income with a business that she enjoyed. Monica completed the Bake for Profit Course late 2017, and was motivated by the skills she had learnt at the centre and recorded record high sales during the 8-week course. In March 2018 Monica resigned from her part-time nursing job and focused her time and energy into her passion. Today she is currently supplying local stores in Phillip Nel with her baked products and also bakes and sells to school kids in the area. Monica’s dream is to get finance to enhance her business and open her own bakery. “I am currently using my kitchen at home, but what makes me happy is that I am my own boss and the future is looking bright for me”.

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New Hands on Board

GetOn Skills Development, is pleased to welcome Dr. Janet Strauss, and Mr. Benjamin Nokaneng to the board of trustees. As they bring new skills and ideas to the board we look at achieving and actively implementing our strategic plan 2020 targets.



Monica with her GetOn starter Pack



Dineo Mashigo at POLO Head Office

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