

GETON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWS LETTER



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What are you waiting for!

Start your own business.

The high youth unemployment rate indicates that the economy is not employing people at the rate that would make it possible for every young person looking for a job to get one. Starting your own business is a viable option for young people, but they often view the lack of finances as the main obstacle. My advice to young people is not wait for ideal circumstances before starting a business. As the famous motto goes, 'Just do it'. Start your own business and learn along the way.

One of the most important tasks for aspiring entrepreneurs is to invest in their own education. Acquiring the skills and knowledge to manage your business is just as important, if not more so, than getting finance. Although school does not adequately prepare the youth to be entrepreneurs you can take charge of your own education by attending a GetOn course and participate in our mentoring programme. In addition, you also become part of our business community. You can share your ideas and concepts with other entrepreneurs in class. This can lead to better thinking through of ideas and adjustments that can improve your business. GetOn provides a platform that enables you to determine at an early stage, whether there is a market for your product or service.

At GetOn we will assist you by providing the information you need to comply with policies and regulations. You will be motivated by interaction with others on the same journey towards business registration. Processes that seem daunting are simplified as you have the assistance of a mentor. Through this, you become confident in dealing with the so-called 'red tape'. As a result matters that could threaten your business down the line, such as tax, are dealt with before it becomes challenging.

As a business owner it is likely that you think about business all the time, measuring your achievements against your goals. We all like to see profit from business growth. It is important to have business records showing that your business is profitable. A business that shows potential for growth is very attractive to investors. It can thus be said that building a business through investing in yourself is the key to unlocking the resources you need to take your business to the next level.

Peter Khalo, GetOn Entrepreneurial Skills Trainer.



Trainer—Peter Khalo

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Students in class

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Partnership to improve English Literacy Skills

GetOn is fortunate to have UNISA as a partner in our quest to offer young people opportunities to improve English Literacy, as part of our holistic skills development programmes. The UNISA lecturers' involvement at GetOn is part of a community outreach project focusing on language, literacy, information and communication skills. According to Dr. Alan Northover, it is not about the ticking of boxes, but a mutually beneficial relationship that motivates and inspires the facilitators involved.

There are two components to the project. Firstly, students are encouraged to improve their English writing, reading, listening, and viewing skills so that they are better able to express themselves. Students are also acquiring job seeking skills, including how to find and read job advertisements; writing a cover letter; compiling a CV; and how to conduct themselves during the interview.

Future initiatives may see drama being used more often as roleplay encourages students to act out or practice real life situations and to speak professionally. These skills are invaluable during job interviews and in the work environment.



UNISA Literacy Session



Students in interviews



Dr. Janet Strauss

Health and Wellbeing

GetOn strives to provide students with an opportunity for holistic development, thus the inclusion of Health and Wellness Workshops, facilitated by Dr. Janet Strauss.

Dr. Strauss commented, "Students must be empowered to know how to stay healthy. We cannot take it for granted that they receive adequate health information from the media. We have addressed general health, women's health, allergies, vaccinations, mental health conditions, obesity and hypertension in past workshops. I find the students' enthusiasm inspiring and it gives me hope for the future knowing that there is a significant group of young people trying to better themselves through skills development".

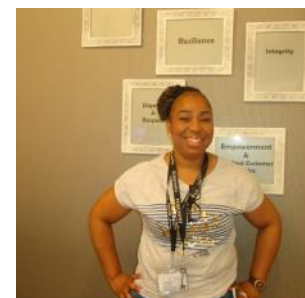
Experiential Training TFG Group

"We want young people who are enthusiastic, go-getters, eager to learn", says Tary Mangena from the TFG group. Young people who are prepared to go the extra mile and willing to assist wherever help is needed are more likely to be employed after the two-week work experience. Tary says she gets excited when students ask questions and show interest in all aspects of the store. There will always be opportunities for young people who work hard and stay focused on creating a better future for themselves.

Mandela Day

We appreciated an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of the late President, Nelson Mandela. His words are as relevant today as they were 21 years ago when he stated in the Budget Speech Debate, that "Jobs, jobs and jobs, are the dividing line in many families between a decent life and a wretched existence". This message echoes our own belief today.

GetOn would like to use this opportunity to thank Robertha Henney, Public Relations Officer at Hirsch's Homestore, Centurion and Ralph M Ertner, Chief Executive Officer, IntoSA, for sharing the day with GetOn and inspiring our students.



Tary Mangena—TFG



Robertha Henney—Hirsch's

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

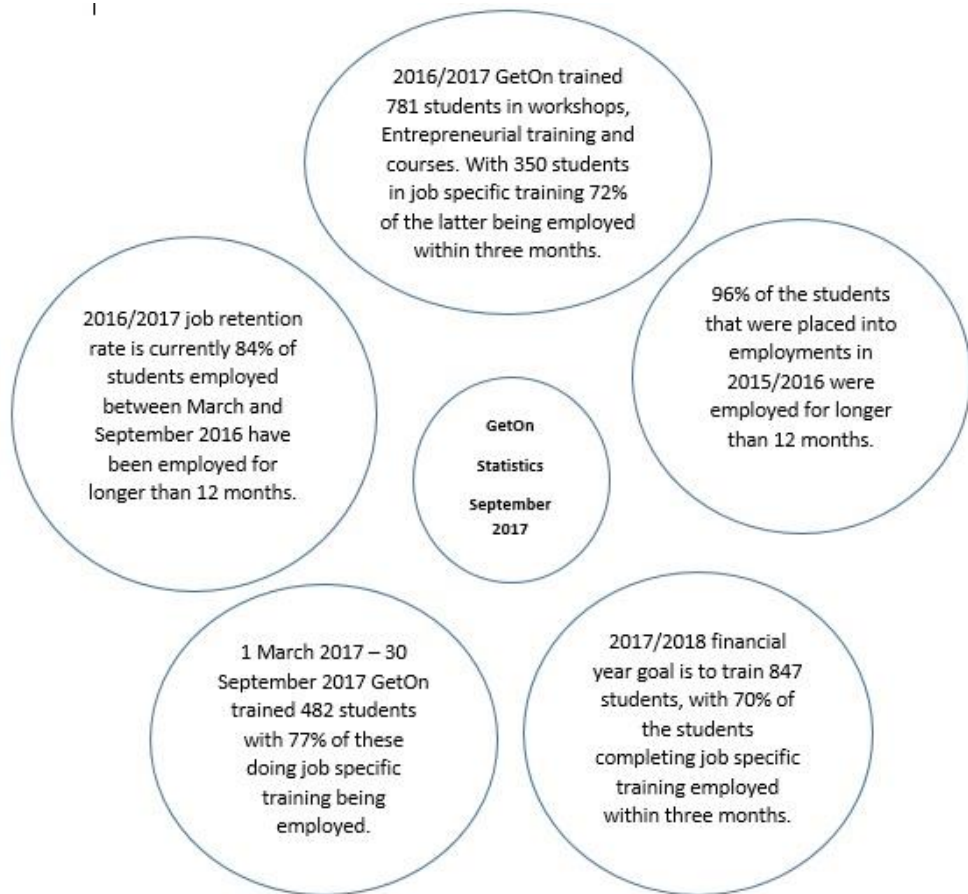
- 26 October 2017
- 30 November 2017
- 18 January 2018

The GetOn Graduation will be on the 24 November 2017

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



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GetOn Diagram Representing the success rate over the last two years

GetOn provides quality, SETA- accredited training

Students can be assured of the quality and integrity of GetOn's programmes as most of our courses are SETA accredited. Our SETA accredited courses include Point-of-Sale; Life Skills; Office Administration; and Entrepreneurial Skills.

In my community, I see many unemployed people who become depressed and pessimistic about their lives. And then, I've seen so many GetOn graduates getting back a sense of hope, achievement, and worthiness. Through participation in our courses they gain confidence and a sense of purpose. The reality is that beneficiaries in our training programmes are equipped to take control of their lives and become preferred employees, rather than aimlessly wondering around with no purpose.

A SETA accredited certificate has tangible benefits to both employee and employer. Employers can trust our training programme and confidently employ a GetOn graduate. Our students have adjusted to a rigorous process of selection, training and discipline in completing assignments according to certain standards.

SETA accreditation makes provision for recognition of prior learning, opening up a career path for graduates. It also provides graduates and employers clarity – a roadmap of what development needs to happen to move up the ladder.

Benedict Makoeya

GetOn, Point-of-Sale Trainer



Point of Sales Class

Heritage Day

GetOn students celebrating Heritage Day wearing colorful traditional attire and sharing information about their different cultural practices. Students and staff made an effort to learn greetings in one another's language as a way of showing interest and respect.

GetOn Office Administration System Update

GetOn remains at the cutting edge of technology supporting our training. Dr Robin Stead from Skillwise with Elias Mahloane, Office Administration Course Trainer, updating the system we are using so that GetOn meets the requirements of the MICT- SETA. Our students get the benefits of an industry-recognized certificate.



Robin and Elias in the Office Administration class



Heritage Day Event 2017

Student Success Stories

Zodwa, Khosa, Entrepreneurial Skills Course Graduate

Zodwa Khoza, moved her business from home to the GetOn Business Incubation Hub in 2016 after completing the entrepreneurial skill training. As a single mother of three children, I am very conscious of my responsibility to see that my children's emotional and material needs are met. I offer a professional service to my clients, welcoming them into an environment where they feel comfortable; and ensuring my clients are always satisfied because I deliver on time.

Pride Sideline, Bake for Profit Graduate

"I decided to register for a course at GetOn because the centre is professional, accessible and has a team of dedicated and helpful staff. Through the course I was taught how to compile a professional business plan, aspects of marketing, product quality and control, sales techniques, general hygiene and financial management. I am proud of my achievements thus far, as in the first week of the course I made R52 profit, and in my final week of the course I was already making R3 572 per week".

Saron Magomane, Barista Skills Graduate

Saron, a previous barista student, is now working at the Royal Elephant Hotel. She commented "I am fortunate that I am gainfully employed and earning an income which enables me to provide for my son, Tsephang, now 18 months old. I am also able to pay for driver's lessons, a step towards getting a driver's license and having my own car. The GetOn course provided me with an opportunity to have a better future that wouldn't have been the case while I was unemployed".

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GetOn offers BBBEE consulting.

GetOn Mobile App

We recently launched the GetOn Mobile App, enabling a stronger social media engagement for our students, and young people looking for training opportunities. It is for monitoring and tracking graduates through the first year at work. In addition, we regularly provide students with information about business and networking opportunities and use the survey tool to get demographic information about our target group.



Zodwa Khosa



Saron Magomane