

GETON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWS LETTER



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Every Journey starts with a single step

At GetOn Skills Development we encourage our students to aim for the star and dream big, at the same time being aware of the reality that in order to reach for your dreams you need to do whatever it takes and learn from each experience, whether good or bad, always remembering the famous proverb “a journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step”.

To honour great accomplishment and dedication we would like to share Kabelo Rabaji’s success story.

Kabelo Rabaji, a well-spoken and passionate young man from Atteridgeville, was unemployed for a number of years until he took a leap forward and joined GetOn Skills Development Office Administration Course in 2012. He completed the 12 week course and showed great enthusiasm and confidence this was rewarded by GetOn Skills Development Centre offering him a position as a junior administrator.

From early on, it was obvious that Kabelo was a hard worker. He showed his multiple skills and moved from administrator to recruitment officer, then to enterprise development mentor within a year.

Whilst being in these roles he built credibility and respect from co-workers, and in 2013 Kabelo was given a promotion to fill the position as Office Administration Trainer, which he successfully managed for two years, followed by the opportunity to become the Training Manager in 2015.

Kabelo comments “I encourage people to set goals and work hard to achieve them, not being selfish and to share your experience that may help others, living by the motto ‘a man’s success is not measured by the positions he holds in society, but by the lives he changes using his knowledge and wisdom.’ ”

GetOn Skills Development Centre believes in their students, proven by the fact that over 80% of the GetOn’s staff are all previous GetOn students who share the vision and are passionate about empowering others.

We would like to congratulate Kabelo on his achievements, and hope that his story inspires our students to reach for the stars, as anything is possible with hard work and dedication.



Kabelo Rabaji

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Message Kabelo Rabaji

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Entrepreneurs in the Business Incubation Hub Board Room



Enterprise Development Delivery Business Sponsored in August 2016 by Sunspray Food Ingredients.

GetOn Business Incubation Hub

In a country like South Africa, where more than 25% of our population, and over 50% of youth in informal settlements are unemployed, other alternatives need to be identified other than placing students into employment. It has been noticed that many South Africans have natural entrepreneurial skills that are undeveloped, or not given a chance to be used. GetOn aims to enhance the skills of small businesses through our entrepreneurial training and business incubation hub.

In November 2016, GetOn Skills Development Centre will be giving small businesses the chance to join our newly renovated Business Incubation Hub, with 12 office spaces that include a reception, board room, computer connected to the internet and weekly mentorship to assist businesses and enable growth. With the average contribution of R2000 per office per month the small businesses will have the tools and professional environment to host meetings and operate their businesses successfully. The core focus is to create a professional environment, diagnosing the needs of businesses, mentoring, linkage to networks and potential access to investment capital. For any enquires about this exciting new venture please contact manager@getonskillsdevelopment.co.za

NYDA Youth Build Project

GetOn Skills Development Centre has been awarded the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) Youth Build Project for the third year in succession, and has partnered with Catalyx Consulting to assist in the administration of the project. With the target to recruit and mentor 666 beneficiaries on an 8 month volunteer contract, the beneficiaries will gain work experience and earn a basic stipend, whilst building needed capacity in the 30 non-profit organisations nationally where they will be placed for the duration of the project.



GetOn NYDA Volunteers



Lulaway Workshop

Lulaway Partnership

GetOn Skills Development Centre has embarked on a journey with Lulaway, a company with a shared mission, focussing on youth employment and job retention. Through our collaboration we are able to work together to access additional placement opportunities and impact the community at large. GetOn Skills Development Centre welcomes mutual benefiting collaborations as we believe in the "TEAM" concept (Together Everyone Achieves More).

GetOn 10 Year Celebration Dinner

GetOn Skills Development Centre will be celebrating our 10 Year Celebration on the 2nd December 2016, at the Forever Hotel in Centurion, to celebrate the past and share our future vision. We are proud of our successes; since 2006 GetOn Skills Development Centre has trained over 3328 students, indirectly impacting the lives of over 16 000 people, as the average house hold in the areas we operate consist of five family members, with the GetOn student often being the sole bread winner. We are inviting partners, donors, supporters, students and former students to the event for a night full of entertainment, networking and inspiration accompanied by a three course meal. Tickets are R350 per person and are, limited to 100 tickets. If you are not able to attend, but would consider donating the cost of a ticket so a student could attend please let us know. For more information please contact us on admin@getonskillsdevelopment.co.za



GetOn Events

Midway through the year GetOn Skills Development Centre hosted its Graduation Ceremony on the 24th June 2016, where over 300 confident students received their certificates in various courses to honor their accomplishments. They were motivated by our guest speaker Warren Moollan to inspire and encourage them as they enter the work place.

On the 6th -8th July GetOn Skills Development Centre hosted its annual Sports Week where 100 children and 50 GetOn students were empowered, had fun and left with smiles. The purpose of the Sports Week was to instill Life Skills and encourage health and wellness to ensure we promote holistic development whilst having fun. We would like to thank the volunteers from GetOn Foundation Netherlands, United Cubs, Tshwane Metro Police, Urban Fitness Outdoor (UFO) and Dr Janet Strauss for making their time available contributing to a successful event.

On the 25th November 2016 GetOn Skills Development Centre will be hosting its second Graduation Ceremony in the year and we look forward to celebrating with our students.



June 2016 Graduation Ceremony



July 2016 Sports Week

Sunday World News Paper Article

GetOn Skills Development Centre featured in the Sunday World Newspaper on the 18th September 2016. The article titled "A foothold in the work-place", focused on our efforts to address the skills shortage in Pretoria by empowering the unemployed through skills and business development.



Sunday World Newspaper Feature



Job Readiness Workshop—100 students

Job Readiness Workshop Success

On the 8th-9th September 2016 GetOn Skills Development Centre hosted a two day Job Readiness Workshop with over 100 previous students that were not currently employed, to give them motivation and refresher job readiness skills. After these two days training the students were sent to Elite Hospitality for interviews and we are proud to say that over 50 of the students have since been employed. Follow up and long term commitment are vital to ensure that our students do not just have a short lived experience whilst on one of our courses, but that it is translated into employment and economic freedom.

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Give us a call for more information about our services and products

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Help us help others

GetOn Skills Development Centre has created a wish list to share some of our short-term expenses with potential donors, volunteers and friends. As a non-profit organisation, we rely on donations and our income generating projects to raise funds allow us to successfully contribute to poverty alleviation in South Africa. Partner with GetOn Skills Development Centre today by making a contribution. No contribution is too small!

The Wish List:

1. Printing of course materials for the next six months – R 35 000
2. 2 x Projectors to be used for training purposes - R7 500
3. Bake for Profit Course Supplies per month – R3000
4. Volunteers to mentor our entrepreneurs by sharing knowledge and experience (4 hours per month)
5. Volunteer master barista to share knowledge and experience with our Barista students (4 hours per month)
6. Shelving and books to be used in the GetOn Library facilitated by a group of UNISA lecturers.
7. Volunteer IT specialist to assist with GetOn Skills Development Centre's network and IT requirements.
8. Job shadowing opportunities for our Office Administration students to volunteer at for two weeks.

Please contact the office 012 3870652 for further details of the above items, or other ways in which you could help us achieve our mission of creating empowered, independent individuals

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