

GETON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWS LETTER



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Youth Month: Look After Your Job

Being a job seeker in South Africa today is not for the fragile or sleepy. An unemployed person must be alert, energetic, determined and intentional when seeking work.

Today, South Africa's economic outlook seems hopeless and it would be easy for us to throw our hands in the air and say, "Well, there are no jobs and nothing will change for me!" but you would be wrong! This is the land of the great man himself, Nelson Mandela. He said, "Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we make out of what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another".

At GetOn, job seekers have come to the right place for support, guidance, skills building, mentoring and job placement. Stay the path. Be present in your classes.

When you are placed in work

I started work at 18 years old. A friend's mum advised me on the eve of my first day of employment: "Candice, look after your job". I had received an inferior education under the apartheid regime. I am from a poor family from the rural areas of Kwazulu-Natal. I had no networks to depend on and I migrated to Johannesburg at just 17 years old – determined to find work and be self-reliant. I have never forgotten those words.

How do I take care of my job? I show up each morning ready to tackle my work with a positive attitude. I am open to learning new skills and never turn down an opportunity to do more than what is in my job description. I share my knowledge freely and openly. I am punctual, thick-skinned and honest and treat others how I would like to be treated.

I encourage you, especially during Youth Month, to avoid hopelessness. The world and South Africa, especially, are tough environments and with resources becoming increasingly scarce, we have to, dig deep to find our own strength and rise! As Madiba also said, "Young people must take it upon themselves to ensure that they receive the highest education possible so that they can represent us well as future leaders."

Candice Moollan

Trustee, GetOn Skills Development Centre



Graduation 2017

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Students in Jobs



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Partnering for Success

South Africa, a beautiful country with so much potential, has been plagued with a number of economic disruptions over the past two years and this is reflected by the increasing unemployment rate of 27.7% over 6,2 million people being unemployed in the first quarter of 2017.

GetOn Skills Development, with a core focus of equipping South African youth with skills and knowledge to be gainfully employed or start functioning businesses, has our partners to thank for supporting our organisation and enabling GetOn Skills Development to eradicate poverty through our programmes.

We would like to thank the following companies and foundations for the support in the past six months:

TK Foundation – Donation of R666 000 towards all our skills and business development programmes, and development of our GetOn Mobile App to assist with monitoring and evaluation.

ArcelorMittal South Africa – Donation of R250 000 towards our Entrepreneurial Skills Development programme, and the School Outreach programme.

Nedbank Private Wealth Charitable Foundation – Donation of R300 000 to train 108 Point of Sales Students through our Seta accredited skills development programme.

Ackerman Pick n Pay Foundation – Donation of R288 000 towards the Bake for Profit, Job Readiness and Barista Training programmes.

Sunspray Food Ingredients – Donation of R302 256 for the 2017/2018 financial year, paid in monthly contributions, towards their enterprise, supplier and procurement development initiative facilitated by GetOn Skills Development.

We would also like to thank all our donors and partners, as no contribution is too small, the impact we make today, will build a better South Africa tomorrow.



Entrepreneurs in class



Job Readiness Training



Students in the Bake for Profit class

Mail & Guardian

GetOn was the runner up in the Mail & Guardian 2016 Investing in the Future Awards, for its contribution to skills development. The awards, announced on 25 November 2016, acknowledges GetOn's commitment to disadvantaged youth, who without training, find it difficult to overcome the barriers to employment.

Under the leadership, of Managing Director, Brenton Cryer, the organisation is making an indelible difference to society and young people by tackling unemployment and influencing positive outcomes for GetOn graduates.



Espresso Breakfast Show

GetOn In The Media - Espresso

GetOn Skills Development was featured on the SABC 3 breakfast show, Espresso, on 6 April 2017. The focus was on the renovation of the third floor of our building to develop the GetOn Business Incubation Hub. GetOn was commended for the positive work we do in our community. Our sincere appreciation to Builders and Take my Hand for sponsoring the renovations.



OFFICE ADMINISTRATION 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)

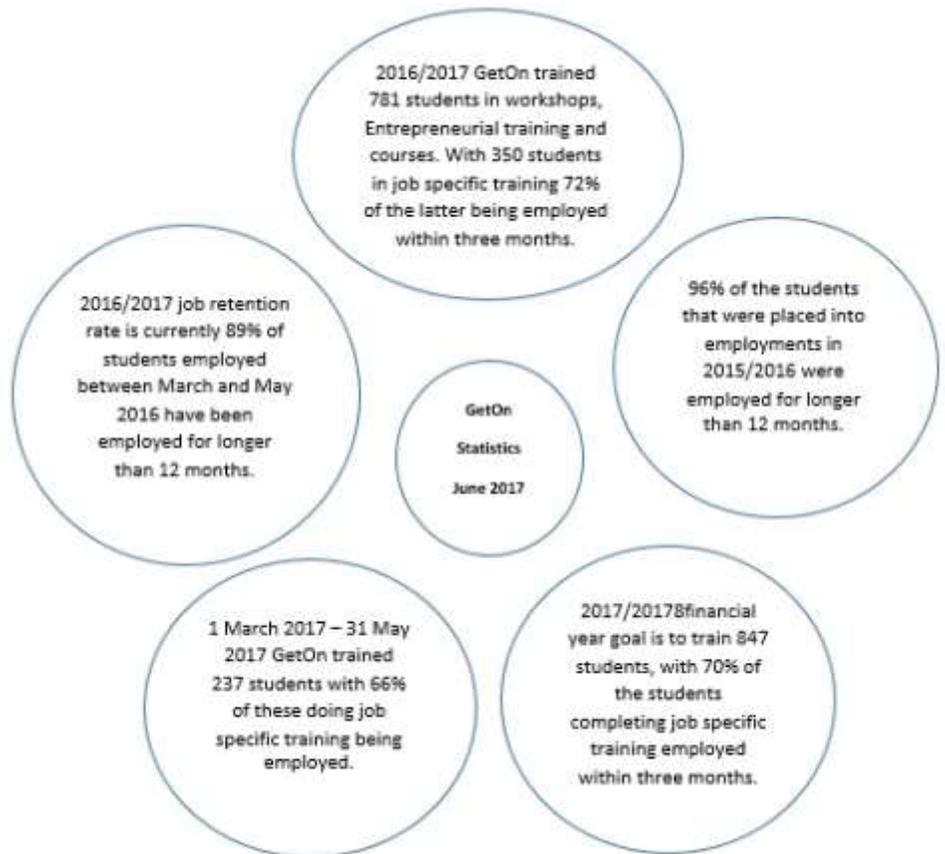
School Outreach Programme

GetOn Business Incubation Hub

GetOn Open Days

- 29 June 2017
- 27 July 2017
- 31 August 2017

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



GetOn Diagram Representing the success rate over the last two years

GetOn Expansion of Courses

Through the 11 years that GetOn Skills Development has been in existence it has really grown in leaps and bounds, with an increase of people registering for our courses. This has seen us moving from offering our courses to students from only the townships of Atteridgeville and Lotus Gardens to expanding to all townships in and around the City of Pretoria, Johannesburg and as far as the Mpumalanga Province. It was due to the wider reach of students GetOn has expanded its Basic Computer, Bake for Profit and Barista course impacting an additional 128 students per year.

GetOn has also implemented a process where all students attend a five day accredited life skills programme before starting their respective courses. This enables us to screen students, introduce the GetOn ethos and philosophy, empower them through the life skills and track the transformation these skills have on our beneficiaries.

Benjamin Franklin once said “without continual growth and progress, such words as improvement, achievement and success have no meaning.” GetOn is inspired by and committed to our beneficiaries and we look forward to what the future holds for our organisation.



Barista Training



Basic Computers Class

GetOn Graduation June 2017

The GetOn graduation was a celebration of over 200 graduates' who through hard work and commitment, are able to better the quality of their lives. Graduates have overcome the hardships associated with poverty and unemployment.

GetOn Graduates did not only receive certificates that will open the doors to employment, but also inspiring messages.

Mr Blessing Mabuto from Catalyx, Regional Manager of the Mr Price Jump Start programme left the students with words from our former president Nelson Mandela, 'After climbing a great hill, one finds that there are many more to climb' further motivating graduates to build on their achievement. The GetOn certificate is just the beginning of what can be a great future.

In the spirit of the day, Dineo Masego, former GetOn student, delivered a message encouraging all students to use the opportunities available to them to create better lives for themselves and their families.



School Outreach programme

GetOn Skills Development has a school outreach programme which aids ten Grade 12 learners from Dr WF Nkomo High School in Atteridgeville. The programme equips students with Life Skills which helps them better understand themselves and gives them the abilities to deal with difficult situations. The Entrepreneurial training gives the students a unique opportunity to focus on the more practical business skills such as marketing and advertising their products. In addition GetOn assists the students with their Maths and English throughout the 18 month programme.

Although starting a business is still an idea to some, we already have 3 students whose ideas have become a reality: a hairdresser, a performing artist and a filmmaker. These students are a good example of how the impact of entrepreneurial skills in high schools play an important role in the contribution to economic growth.

Student Success Story

My name is Anna Mabuza, a 28 year old mother of one, who lives in Mamelodi. I started my journey at GetOn in 2016 after hitting a brick wall in my life. I needed a turning point and therefore decided to study further. After completing my matric I studied Travel & Tourism and knocked at every door looking for a job, unfortunately I had no luck. I started doing voluntary work at various companies but I knew I had to enhance my life for the sake of my child and so I never lost hope. That's when I approached GetOn.

I studied the Office Administration course for 12 weeks and upon completion I was sent to a local school to do two weeks experiential training. This experience has changed my life because immediately after that I found a permanent job at Alliance Call Centre Services, working as an Administrator. It's my time to shine now and I can proudly say I am a working mother who is heading towards a brighter future.

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GetOn Mobile App

In July 2017 GetOn will be releasing our Mobile App, as a communication portal for students, a resource centre, assisting in monitoring and evaluation, and understanding who our beneficiaries are through our survey function.



GetOn Team Expands

We welcome Marianne Vries as our fundraising and communication manager to the GetOn team, and wish you many years of joy with us.

