

# GETON SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTRE NEWS LETTER



May 2016

## Celebrating 10 years of empowering the unemployed

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of GetOn Skills Development Centre. We are proud to have directly served over 2500 people in the communities surrounding the centre, with many students come from Atteridgeville, Lotus Gardens, Ga-Rankuwa, Soshanguve, Mabopane and some come as far as KwaNdebele in the Mpumalanga Province, This reach which indirectly affects over 10 000 people, since many households consist of four members, often with just one income earner.

GetOn Skills Development Centre has become a household name in Atteridgeville and communities surrounding Pretoria, and we are pleased with our success in the 2015/2016 financial year of placing 64% of our students who completed job specific training into employment, with 95% of the students placed into employment staying employed for longer than 12 months.

To celebrate our achievements as well as acknowledge the volunteers, staff, partners, founders and trustees that have made this possible, we are arranging a GetOn Celebration on Friday 25 November 2016. The day will begin with a graduation ceremony in the morning, followed by live entertainment, speakers, business presentations and fun. Further details will follow and we hope to have as many past students attending the celebration as possible.

If you are a performer, young artist, business owner or company that would like to be involved in the day by donating, performing or profiling your business at one of our stands please contact us, and we would happily assist you.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the GetOn Skills Development success over the past ten years. Every donation and commitment is hugely appreciated. Here's to the next 10 years of empowering the unemployed.



Bake for Profit Students

“My experience at GetOn has been enhancing and life changing. Today I wake up every morning to get to work and provide for my family.”

Message from a previous GetOn Student.

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Three of GetOn Skills Development Trustees:  
Mr. D Ngwepe, Mrs. P Shaper, and Prof D Kourie

## Strategic Planning 2020

On 18 March 2016, GetOn Skills Development Centre staff, partners, trustees and students dedicated the day to focus on GetOn Skills Development 2020 strategic plan. The process took GetOn on a journey looking at where we came from, our future ideal in the year 2020, potential barriers and corrective actions to reach our dream. This assisted everyone with a clearer vision of GetOn Skills Development Centre with the following core values being identified: Commitment, Teamwork, Accountability, Professionalism and Community. The Board are now working together with management and staff on the next important stage, which is to start implementing these plans into action.

## Addition of New Enterprise Development Businesses

GetOn Enterprise Development (GED) has sparked great success, with GetOn Skills Development starting another three businesses under the GED programme in April 2016. GetOn currently has six businesses in the GED programme funded by corporates with their BBB-EE spend, with GetOn assisting a further four unfunded businesses. The success of these 10 businesses assisted by GetOn, is that they directly impact 23 people by creating employment for them, and indirectly putting food on the table for approximately 92 family members.



Anna Morale—GED Business



Martina Schoen—Mrs. SA Finalist

## Martina Schoen (Mrs SA Finalist)

In April 2016, GetOn started working with **Martina Schoen-Schwarzkopf Professional Mrs South Africa Finalist** and her company **Martina Schoen – Be Your Brand** to empower and inspire our students. Twice a month she hosts a Be Your Brand Session which focuses on the importance of knowing who you are.

“Our individual brand is created by the personal values that we believe in and how we build our reputation by our contributions to our communities.” Martina encourages our students to search for their natural talents and gifts, and utilise them to make a difference in the world.

## GetOn Going Green

Recycling is important because waste has a huge negative impact on the natural environment. GetOn has made it our pledge to help reduce pollution caused by waste, and we have started recycling our unused paper.



GetOn New Recycling Bins

## 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)

## GetOn Open Days

- 30 June 2016
- 28 July 2016
- 25 August 2016

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



GetOn Diagram Representing the success rate over the last two years

### New Development: GetOn Business Incubation Hub

GetOn Skills Development Centre, being based at ArcelorMittal in Pretoria, has the vision to develop an Incubation Hub, on the third floor of our building that will house over 10 small businesses. These will all be BBB-EE business with a level two or above score card which will become procurement partners and suppliers to our network.

We believe a business can only be considered sustainable and effective if it has been through three financial cycles, hence with the focus being on personal and business development we mentor the entrepreneurs for three years. We have a high success rate with our current enterprise development projects and aim to carry this on into our Incubation Hub.

We are pleased to announce that through Take My Hand, a NPO assisting NPOs with fundraising and project management, we were able to secure funding from Massbuild to initiate the development of the third floor, starting with replacing the ceiling, painting and upgrading walls, electrical and plumbing. GetOn will soon have created a professional environment to enable small businesses to grow and thrive.

GetOn Skills Development Centre aims that the building will be complete in early August, with a wish list of donations still required e.g. computers, telephone system, Internet connectivity, furniture and decor. We anticipate launching the Incubation Hub in November at our 10 year Celebration.

Please feel free to contact us for the full wish list, and see how you or your company can play its part in developing South African small businesses.



Picture of the second floor and then the un revamped third floor.

## GetOn Skills Development Graduation June 2016

Graduation Day is approaching with over 200 students looking forward to the 24<sup>th</sup> of June 2016, when they will be filled with joy and smiles as they celebrate their achievements and receive their certificates for completing a course at GetOn Skills Development Centre, which symbolises their hard work and dedication.

Last November, a group of 300 passionate students graduated and they have become GetOn Ambassadors who are the driving force in the local communities spreading the word of GetOn Skills Development Centre. Due to their enthusiasm in spreading the word about GetOn, all our courses have waiting lists!



Office Administration Class Final Day



ArcelorMittal Health and Safety Workshop

### ArcelorMittal Health and Safety Day

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, our students were invited to attend the Arcelor Mittal Health and Safety Day, where they were educated about the importance of safety in a work environment. This was a very important lesson for preparing them for the workplace and also to be cautious when on the Arcelor Mittal premises, by following the rules taught to them during the induction period.



Students in a Job Readiness Session

### Mall of Africa Placement Success

With the opening of the Mall of Africa in Midrand, the GetOn student placement team have been kept busy with a number of requests for students from baristas to cashiers. One of the success stories was placing 20<sup>th</sup> students into the Foschini store at the mall.

GetOn Skills Development Centre has built a reputation for placing high calibre students into the retail sector. We look forward to continuously improving our service and ensuring our students become economically active as well as stay employed as they are considered valuable employees in their various organisations.

## Contact Us

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

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### International News: GetOn Foundation Netherlands

It's been almost a year since The GetOn Foundation Netherlands, one of GetOn Skills Development Centers donors, had the help of four Dutch ladies from The Amsterdam Student Rowing Association 'Nereus', who rowed 100 km to raise money for GetOn Skills Development Centre. Famke one of the four ladies was so inspired by the centre's work and felt she had more to contribute so as of 1 April 2016 she has decided to sign on as a volunteer at the GetOn Foundation Netherlands. It's fantastic that Dutch students are willing to spend their free time helping students in South Africa reach their dreams; we couldn't have hoped for more!

### New Hands on GetOn South Africa Trust

GetOn Skills Development Centre is pleased to welcome Candice Moollan to the Board of Trustees. Her public relations and communication expertise will be valuable to the growing GetOn Skills Development brand.



Trustee: Candice



Volunteer: Famke