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SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS
FOR YOUTH TO FLOURISH BEYOND
THE **YES** PROGRAMME

Asanda Nqoko, owner of 39 Pictures Ltd



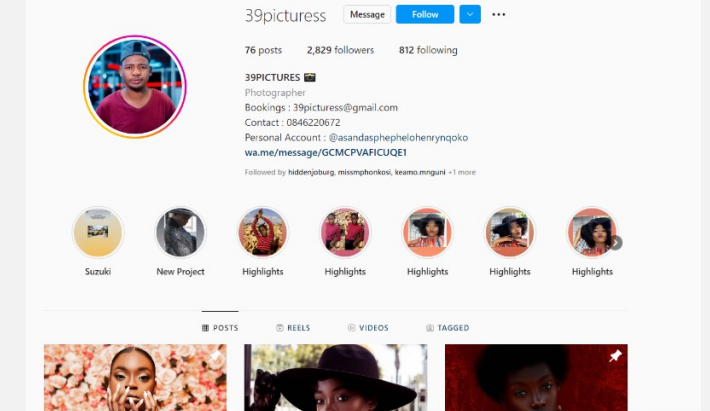
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“The YES team became my second family. The YES team was also very **encouraging and kept me motivated**, I got awarded with **certificates** of completing the programmes that we were doing which I am able to **use when I apply for any job I'm looking for**.

“I am **grateful for the opportunity** that the YES has given me and I would **recommend** every youth that isn't employed to register on YES's database for job opportunities and the **bright future**.”

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“Without YES4Youth, I wouldn’t be where I am right now. I am grateful for everything and it will forever be my second family.”

Nolthando Mokoena, owner of EmpowHer



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Nolthando Mokoena was under the **Cash Connect sponsorship for her YES programme**. Her experience in the programme led her to realise her passion for helping and resolving issues, with and for others.

“I had given up on studying and fulfilling my dreams. **South Africans need opportunities like these, and we need companies like YES** to continue to drive this change in our lives.”

“The **YES apps contributed to my growth** as well because I managed to open my EmpowHer organisation that motivates and supports young women.”

Nolthando Mokoena, owner of EmpowHer



“Today I am **empowering young girls in my community.**”

Given Malebe, owner of 7 Trends



“The YES programme assisted by giving me the skill of presenting”

Alex born Given Malebe is a B-Tech post graduate in electrical engineering at the University of Johannesburg. In **2020** he got an **opportunity at YES through Yoga4Alex**, working as a group leader, tutor and teacher of digital literacy to tutors who were teaching at Alexandra schools.

After completing the 12-month programme, he got snatched up a job at Altron Management Solutions as a junior technician, fixing ATMs.

His push into **full-time entrepreneurship**, came with the coming to an end of his. He finally officially opened his own business through using all that he **learned from the YES apps**, especially the entrepreneurial skills.

Given Malebe, owner of 7 Trends



“The goal of the business is to **give back to disadvantaged communities.**”

Yonela Jezile, teacher at Little Steps Day ECD



“Thank you for
the **investment**
and **trust** placed
in me.”

26-year-old Yonela Jezile from Delft Cape Town **started her YES programme at ORT SA CAPE Education in 2019** which was **followed by an ECD learnership**. She completed her year as a grade R class assistant at Portlands Primary in Mitchell’s Plain. This is where her love for teaching started, and she learned and realised that she can **make a difference in the lives of young children**.

In January 2022, she was **permanently employed by Little Steps Day** care in Montclair. Yonela adds that “this is where I have **grown into a confident ECD practitioner**, learning more and more, allowing me to make an impact in the lives of young children.”



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company, and youth.

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