

PROFILE

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"Live what you love"
"Reap what you sow"

Welcome to my profile. Throughout my school career at Grey Kollege in Bloemfontein, I excelled academically, but also on the sport field! I was a good athlete, swimmer, and also a good rugby player; but I excelled in Badminton, receiving my provincial colours at the age of 15. I started my working career in the banking sector at the age of 18. Months later I completed my 2 year national defence force duty, during which time I continued playing badminton for my province, and also for the national defence force.

During my banking career of 13 years, I excelled as a top marketer; business development advisor; asset and group advisor, as well as the top life insurance advisor in my region, constantly exceeding my targets. I started my own business and was very successful, but had to close my business due to threats on my life after firing a corrupt employee. I was offered a job at an IT company in the late 90's, where I managed six (6) provinces, reconciling their pension pay-outs, exceeding 700 Million a month. I was later appointed National Manager Financial Support, MIS, Logistics, and New Business. The entire top management were retrenched after a national buy-out from another company in 2002. I then got involved in the property industry, marketing and selling properties at big townhouse complexes. I started working with Youth and taught them Bible School at my local church in 1999.

In mid-2002 I got involved in community transformation, where I started working with people from all walks of life, from the poorest of the poor, to churches, businesses, Ngo's, schools, and the mayoral offices. During this time, I completed my Bth degree through Teamwork [Bible] College International. I also completed several courses, including counselling and trauma debriefing. I counselled, reached out, and inspired thousands of youth across many schools, also reaching out to many of their families. I mentored many Youth and some of their parents. I was involved in many community upliftment initiatives since 2002, reaching out to the destitute and hopeless, working alongside many Schools, NGO's, the SAPS, Correctional Services, Child Welfare, Child Protection, and the Dept. of Justice. I assisted the Dept. of Justice and the SAPS with counselling of family members who were traumatized by the effects of violence and abuse. I was actively involved in the Drug-Child Programme in Mogale, working alongside the state prosecutor – counselling, inspiring, and mentoring hundreds of youth who abused substances. In 2008 I initiated and formed a regional school and prayer support group. During 2008, a friend and I formed Transformation SA Mogale – a national community transformation initiative (NPO), focussed on social transformation and moral regeneration in communities' across South Africa. We approached all sectors in our local community, working with local government, churches, schools, businesses, SAPS, Correctional Services, Dept. of Justice, Child Protection, Lifeline, and several NGO's. We organized several mayoral projects, including amongst others a Kids Olympic Games and Heartlines comes to town. In 2009, Transformation SA Mogale approached the Dept. of Education with a comprehensive life-skills program. The program was approved in partnership with the local FET College, and was rolled-out in 2010. 1000 previously-disadvantaged individuals were equipped with life-skills, aiming to improve their chances of future employment. Since then I have been involved in rolling-out and managing several life-skills programs, in partnership with several stakeholders, equipping thousands of youth.

In 2011, I joined AET on a part-time basis, teaching and mentoring school drop-outs (aged 16-65), assisting them to complete their matric. I am also a trained Life-Coach at RFLNR through their powerful Bound Life-Skills Program, assisting Youth with ALL ISSUES that confront them and their families on a daily basis. I am also a Motivational Speaker. I am passionate about people and life! I am an energetic and compassionate individual! I value every soul that I have an opportunity to connect with. I lead from the front and don't expect others to do what I am not willing to do myself! I have gained a lot of experience, wisdom, knowledge, and skills through all my personal experiences, but also through my interaction with people from all walks of life for the past 15 years. I don't compromise on my values and morals. I accept and love every person – no matter their background, culture, sex, creed or religious orientation! I value integrity/honesty, ethics, respect, transparency, responsibility and accountability, and I firmly believe that people should [do unto others] as they [want others to do unto them], portraying the principles of UBUNTU. Thank you for taking the time to read my short Profile. I trust this will give you peace of mind in working with me, or alternatively doing business with me. Bless you and all your loved ones.