

CAREER GUIDANCE REPORT

About the Mentee:

About:

Name: Tshegofatso Chauke

Age: 18

Education Level: Grade 12

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Current Employment Status: Unemployed

Interests:

- **Artistic Expression:** Tshegofatso's passion for singing and dancing highlights her love for artistic expression and creativity. These interests underscore her preference toward creative fields, which can complement her architectural ambitions by enhancing her design and aesthetic sensibilities.
- **Sports and Fitness:** While tennis remains a valued hobby, it's more aligned with personal fitness and relaxation rather than a professional career path. However, the discipline and teamwork inherent in sports can be advantageous in collaborative work environments such as architecture.
- **Reading and Writing:** Tshegofatso enjoys attending book launches, reflecting her appreciation for literature and cultural events. This interest aligns with her passion for performing arts which is based on literature and the expression of a story, which can also possibly direct her in a career path in the publishing industry or cultural programming.

Skills:

- Skills and Accomplishments:
 - Tshegofatso's public speaking and presentation skills are critical assets in architecture, where conveying ideas clearly and persuasively to clients and stakeholders is essential. Her experience in leading as a deputy president further underscores her ability to engage and inspire others.

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- **Time Management and Organization:**
 - Her ability to manage her workload effectively through a structured schedule indicates strong organizational skills. Time management is crucial in architecture, where meeting deadlines and coordinating various aspects of a project are daily demands.
- **Approach to Challenging Situations:**
 - Tshegofatso has a unique approach to handling challenging situations, seeking to understand the issue from various perspectives and suggesting solutions. An example of this is when she addressed food problems at school by facilitating communication between the student body and school principal, ultimately calming tensions, and finding a resolution.

Career Paths

Path 1: [Architecture]

- **Overview:** Architecture involves the design, planning, and construction of buildings and structures. Architects are responsible for creating spaces that are not only functional but also aesthetically pleasing and sustainable. They collaborate closely with clients, engineers, and construction teams to bring their visions to life.
- **Reasons for Consideration:** Tshegofatso's passion for drawing, creative expression, and attention to detail aligns perfectly with a career in architecture. Her ability to visualize and communicate design concepts effectively is a strong foundation for success in this field.
- **Potential Industries or Sectors:** Architects may work in:
 - Design Studios
 - Construction Companies
 - Real Estate Development Firms
 - Independent Consulting
- **Skills Required:**
 - Architectural Design
 - Project Management
 - Communication and Collaboration
 - Technical Drawing and Visualization

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- **Free Programs to Gain Skills:**

- Alison offers a "Diploma in Contemporary Architecture and Design" which is a free course that provides 10-15 hours of learning. This course will help Tshegofatso develop a deeper understanding of modern architectural practices and design principles.
- Link: <https://alison.com/course/diploma-in-contemporary-architecture-and-design>

Hiring Companies:

- List potential companies that hire for this career path.
 - Carpenter and Architect, Johannesburg: A firm specializing in innovative architectural designs.
 - Project Team Member-Architect, Johannesburg: Involves working on diverse architectural projects.

How to Apply:

- Feel free to do research on linkedin and online course websites because that was where I found most of this information.
- Provide guidance on the application process for each company.
 - Carpenter and Architect: Visit their LinkedIn page. Link: <https://za.jobslin.com/job/130832/carpenter-and-architect-in-gauteng>
 - Project Team Member-Architect: Visit their LinkedIn page. Link: <https://careers-woolpert.icims.com>

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Path 2: [Forensic Sciences]

- **Overview:** Forensic science applies scientific principles to analyze evidence in criminal investigations. Forensic scientists work to uncover and interpret evidence related to crimes, assisting agencies and legal professionals in solving cases.
- **Reasons for Consideration:** Tshegofatso's analytical mindset, attention to detail, and problem-solving abilities align with the demands of forensic science. Her skill in presenting complex information clearly is also essential in this field.
- **Potential Industries or Sectors:** Forensic scientists may find employment opportunities in government agencies such as forensic laboratories, law enforcement agencies, and crime scene investigation units.
- **Skills Required:**
 - Attention to Detail
 - Data Analysis
 - Critical Thinking
- **Free Programs to Gain Skills:**
 - Introduction to Forensic Science: Offered by Nanyang Technological University on Coursera, this free course provides 18 hours of content with a flexible schedule, introducing core concepts of forensic science.
 - Link: <https://www.coursera.org/Introduction-to-Forensic-Science>

Hiring Companies:

- List potential companies that hire for this career path.
 - Forensic Investigator, KPMG South Africa, Johannesburg: Involves investigating financial fraud and misconduct.
 - Fraud Detection Administrator, Nedbank, Johannesburg: Focuses on identifying and preventing fraud.

How to Apply:

- Provide guidance on the application process for each company.
 - KPMG: Visit the KPMG LinkedIn page on the company website. Link: <https://www.linkedin.com/forensic-investigator>
 - Nedbank: Navigate to Forensic.jobs webpage and apply there. Link: <https://forensic.jobs/nedbank>

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Additional Recommendations

Networking Opportunities:

- I encourage Tshegofatso to attend architecture-related industry events, workshops, and meet-ups. These events are invaluable for building professional connections and staying updated on the latest trends and technologies in architecture. Also don't forget to attend University opening days where they show you all that is related to their courses!

Professional Organisations:

- Forensic Science South Africa (FSSA): Suggest joining FSSA, an organization dedicated to promoting excellence in forensic science practice in South Africa.
- South African Institute of Architects (SAIA): Emphasize the benefits of joining SAIA as a member to access resources, continuing education programs, and professional networking opportunities tailored to the South African architectural landscape.

Mentorship Programs:

- Continue providing personalized guidance and support to Tshegofatso through the KTG mentorship program. Regular communication, goal-setting, and reflective discussions will be key in helping her navigate her architectural career path effectively.

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