



Finalist Workshop

What is a Finalist Workshop (aka Creation Weekend)?

A Finalist Workshop brings together shortlisted teams (max. 4 people per team) to develop and strengthen their project idea over 48 hours. On the first day teams are supported by a number of specialists to ensure their proposition reflects the judging criteria (open data, innovation, social impact and sustainability).

On the second day, teams will practice and refine their pitch before pitching to a panel of expert judges on the second afternoon. The second afternoon is an opportunity for outside stakeholders to engage with and celebrate the teams and for them to see the product of their hard work over the preceding 24 hours.

Shortlisted finalist teams:

1. Warren Joubert	Ekurhuleni
2. Courtney Bentley	Tshwane
3. Tshepo Moletsane	Ekurhuleni
4. Methembe Dlamini	Ekurhuleni
5. Phafane Pule	Ekurhuleni
6. Makhobalo Letsie	Ekurhuleni
7. Mabu Manaileng	Ekurhuleni
8. Mighty Kekana	Ekurhuleni
9. Gundo Tshilimandila	Tshwane
10. Latani Masithi	Tshwane
11. Frikan Erwee	Ekurhuleni
12. Thabiso Khunou	Ekurhuleni
13. Nyalleng Moorosi	Tshwane
14. Jan Jerry Kekana	Tshwane
15. Mbangiso Mabaso	Ekurhuleni
16. Esaya Jokonya	Tshwane
17. Thembinkosi Semwayo	Tshwane
18. Desigan Padayachee	Tshwane



Day 1: Closed day focused on development

Venue: The Innovation Hub (Pretoria), Leaders Lab

Time: 9:30 – 17:30

Teams develop their product/service and are supported to consider and improve their scores against the judging criteria. Teams primarily use this time to develop/build their prototype and/or work with the specialists. Each team has the opportunity to have one 15 minute session with each of three specialists

Time	Activity	Details
0900 - 0930	Coffee, tea and breakfast	Team and specialists circulate to welcome teams
0930 - 1100	Welcome, introductions and masterclass moments	<p>Host: Event objectives, explain event structure, explain specialist sessions, set energy for event, tips for managing time (e.g. agile working) explain basics (food/wifi etc.), revisit judging criteria, answer questions, explain pitch timing.</p> <p>Specialists: provide 6-8 min masterclass of their top tips building on the feedback from the shortlisting process - i.e. how to overcome common problems.</p>
1100 - 1230	Development time	Teams work on their proposition/pitch and have specialist sessions.
1130	First specialist session	Specialist sessions start - at 20 minute intervals. Each session is 15 mins long and specialist manages own time and moves to find next team.
1230 - 1315	Team lunch	Working lunch is provided for teams (they will need to be at their tables for specialist sessions). <i>Tea and coffee and snacks should be available throughout the day.</i>
1315 - 1740	Development time	Teams work on their proposition/pitch and have specialist sessions according to the slots they select.
1740 - 1800	Pitch briefing	Quick briefing regarding the pitch process from the pitch specialist to include walk through and top tips.



Day 2: Pitch preparation and public pitch session

On the second day teams will be frantically working to finalise their pitch in the morning. Observers from outside the event are welcome to join the pitch session from 14:30.

Time	Activity	Details
0800	Building opens, tea/coffee + breakfast available	Teams can arrive from 0800 to start work again as they wish
0930 - 0940	Welcome and explanation of timings	Quick intro to day 2 - explains timings, deadlines, enforces importance of timekeeping with pitch practice as time is very tight etc.
0945 - 1300	Development/ pitch preparation/pitch practice	Teams will have a 10 min pitch practice session in the presentation hall. They will have signed up for this on day 1 before the 11:15 deadline.
1330	Deadline	Deadline for submission of slides. All must be submitted by this point or teams will not be able to pitch!
1330 - 1415	Lunch	
1430	Pitch session begins	Host welcomes observers, introduces judges and explains what has been happening over the last 36 hours. Teams all sit in the room and observe the pitches too. Judges sit at the front of the room.
1530 - 1545	Comfort Break	Teams and observers have a break Judging coordinator inputs data for first 8 pitches, judges are kept separate from the participants!
1545 - 1640	Pitching part 2	
1640 - 1720	Celebratory drink	Teams and observers mingle Teams evaluate the event through short form/survey Judges convene to select the overall three winners and scores
1720 - 1730	Event close	Judges make a few comments to participants on quality of pitches etc. and close the event. Feedback and scores should be collected for sharing with all the teams after the event