

Sifundo Mzwakhe Xulu

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Objective

I seek writing and editing jobs where I can fully use my skills for the success of the organization.

Experience

- Funding Connection Pty Ltd** 09 February 2023 - 09 February 2024
Business Plan Writer
Writing business plans, feasibility studies, proposals and other funding documents
Doing research for clients businesses
Advising clients on business strategy to ensure success of their business ventures
Helping clients with funding applications to government agencies and banks
Contributing content for company's website and its social media sites
Writing and publishing business ebooks on digital publishing platforms
- Cimla Consulting Pty Ltd** June 2021 - December 2023
Freelance Business Plan Writer
Doing research related to clients' businesses
Writing clients business plans
Advising clients on other business development related issues
- Mkhombisi High School** 01 December 2020 - 13 May 2022
Educator (SGB)
Teaching Mathematical Literacy in Grade 10 & Tourism in Grade 11
Conducting continuous assessment and reporting on the development, progress, attainment and behaviour of learners.
- Mkhombisi High School** June 2018 - May 2022
Tutor(Mathematical Literacy)
Tutoring Mathematical Literacy to Grade 12 learners during Winter Classes, Weekend Classes and After-school Classes
Conducting continuous assessment to measure progress
- KZN Department of Education** 23 July 2016 - 31 July 2018
Lead Educator
Teaching Mathematical Literacy to Grade 12 learners from various schools under the Spring,Winter& Saturday Classes Program
Conducting continuous assessment and reporting on the development, progress, attainment and behaviour of learners
- Zakhe Agricultural College** 2 February 2015 - 31 December 2017
Educator
Teaching Mathematical Literacy in Grade 11 to 12 and Physical Sciences in Grade 10-12
Conducting and managing farm practicals
Preparing examination timetables for the school,as a member of the School Timetable Committee
Conducting continuous assessment and reporting on the development, progress, attainment and behaviour of learners

Education

- University of California's BerkeleyX** 2023
Academic and Business Writing Course
- Chartal Business School** November 2022 to January 2023
Nonprofit Organisational Sustainability Course
- Savvy Institute** January 2022

- **Young African Leadership Institute Regional Leadership Centre (Southern Africa)** August 2020
Business and Entrepreneurship Development Program
- **University of South Africa (UNISA)** 2022(Deferred)
National Diploma in Chemical Engineering
- **Intec College** 2016
Certificate in Creative Writing
- **Zakhe Agricultural College** 2010
Matric

Skills

- Project Management
- Business writing
- Fiction writing
- Business management

Projects

- **Auto-Mechanical Tap Project (Hydrowize Solutions Pty Ltd)**
Innovative award-winning project where we will design and manufacture taps that minimise water wastage. Secured R200 000 seed funding from Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) in 2023 to develop its prototype.

Achievements & Awards

- 2023: UNLEASH Rwanda Talent. -Renewable Energy Track Overall Joint Winner(Team Green Roots) -Also a member of the team that won an award for 'The Most Viable Solution ' developed in the innovation lab.
- 2023: Top 12 Writers for Sci Fi 02 Workshop organised by South African Research Chair in Science Communication
- 2023: Sunday World's Unsung Heroes Award
- 2022: Visitor at Michigan State University (USA) on a student exchange visit
- 2022 Top 17 Finalist of University of Pretoria Vice Chancellor's Challenge
- 2022: Africa's 100 Brightest Young Minds Award
- 2021: Mail& Guardian's 200 Young South Africans
- 2021: University of South Africa's Innovation Challenge Winner
- 2020: Inside Education's 100 South African Shining Stars

Activities

- December 2023: Deputy Chief Adjudicator -South African National Schools Debating Championship Adjudicator: KZN Provincial Schools Debating Championship & South African National Schools Debating Championship: 2019 to date(Volunteering) -Adjudicating at provincial and national schools debating championships.
- Panel Speaker: 2022 &2023 Young, African & Futuristic Summit Panel Speaker: 2022 South African BRICS Youth Association's SA-Russia Bilateral Youth Forum
- 2022 YALI RLC SA Reviewer: Young African Leadership Institute (YALI) Online Cohort 15 & Cohort 20 Applications (Business & Entrepreneurship Track) 2023 YALI RLC SA Reviewer: Education Change Makers Cohort 3

Reference

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- **Marion Cooke - KwaZulu Natal Schools Debating Association**
Secretary

My Custom Section

- **Memberships**

South African BRICS Youth Association(SABYA)
2022 to date

- **Memberships**

Association of Nonfiction and Academic Authors of South Africa (ANFASA)
2022 to date

Volunteering Experience

- Chairperson: Calibrating Minds Society NPO &
Head of Empangeni Debating League:
2016 to date

Main duties:

- Providing overall leadership and direction o the NPO, including its flagship project,the Empangeni Debating League.
- Working with the executive committee to develop and implement strategic plans.
- Organizing and leading executive committee meetings
- Ensuring the organisation complies with relevant laws and regulations
- Monitoring the organisation's financial health

- Board Member & Deputy Chairperson: KwaZulu Natal Schools Debating Association NPO
2018 to date

Main duties:

- Participate in board meetings, contributing towards development and growth of high schools debating in the province of KwaZulu Natal.
- Represent the Empangeni Debating League within the board
- Deputize for the chairman of the board in his absence
- Contribute towards development and implementation of strategic plans for the association
- Oversee the hiring, evaluation and,if necessary, termination of volunteers with the board

- Reviewer: Young African Leadership Institute Regional Leadership Centre of Southern Africa (YALI RLC SA)
Business Development,Entrepreneurship & Education ChangeMakers Cohorts-
2022 to date

Main duties:

- Review applications for the Business and Entrepreneurship Development program,assess participants' business pitches and offer feedback for their growth and development.
- Review applications for the Education Change Makers Cohort 3 Program.

- South Africa United States Alumni Connect
Board Member/Non- executive Director
November 2023 to date