



## “Connecting Bright Young Minds”

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Founded in 2019, Young Aspiring Thinkers is a South African non-profit organization which aims to serve the purpose of providing young South African learners with the skills to unlock their future careers and tackle the challenges of youth unemployment. Youth unemployment is one of the country's major challenges with an alarming unemployment rate of 68% for individuals aged between 16 - 24. This problem is worsened by the fact that most public schools in township areas lack after schooling programs to help learners navigate the career landscape and help them develop skills to get into their future career.

Young Aspiring Thinkers is here to change this as they're building a South Africa where every young person has the opportunity to fulfill their potential in a career of their choice. This is achieved by implementing a mentor volunteering model where young professionals in various fields dedicate their time to explaining their career journey to learners, as well as partnerships with larger organisations. Young Aspiring Thinkers has implemented career development programs with larger organisations such as Unilever and Munster School of Business. This has resulted in the organization impacting over 600 learners lives and building a database of 65 young professionals who mentor in various initiatives.

The organization is working on its current project in collaboration with Oracle called the Greenlight Programme, a programme focused on helping 218 learners from Ponelepele Secondary School. Young Aspiring Thinkers is excited for future possibilities and creating one of the most impactful youth led initiatives in South Africa with the goal of impacting 10 000 learners lives by 2030.