

THE REFLECTION OF MY DAY

WITH EDGE

I discovered the company EDGE Executive Group a month ago by the help of Tshepi Motloug at SAMRO during my lunch break and I had a delightful encounter with her then she introduced me to Janice Wagner who has a great interest in recruiting graduates from various backgrounds to participate in the initiative I'm reflecting on. Tshepi Motloug asked me to promote and recruit as many of my friends and fellow classmates from Meriting Youth to participate in this initiative. I was eager and excited then immediately spread the word when I discovered that there are companies, such as EDGE that are so passionate in grooming the youth in such a manner.

EDGE EXECUTIVE SEARCH in partnership with JOBURG THEATRE & SAGA presents the 2nd ANNUAL FREE workshop for the young leaders of our country as part of our NELSON MANDELA DAY initiative

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Empower • Motivate • Plan • Organize • Work It • Encourage • Research

Yourself for that perfect job

The focus of the workshop is to deliver the tools you need to kick start your career.

NELSON MANDELA DAY

The session will be aimed at students that are currently studying towards or graduated in the following academic fields:

- Accounting/Finance/Economics
- Engineering
- Marketing
- Information Technology
- Human Resources
- Dramatic Arts

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WEDNESDAY
18 JULY 2018

REGISTRATION STARTS @ 9AM
JOBURG THEATRE

Please apply online for your FREE seat at the workshop

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I didn't know that this pamphlet would lead me to be in such a motivating, fruitful and inspiring event.

The rest of the document is based on my experience of the event and how motivating and insightful it was to be in such an environment where we as the youth were equipped with tools to empower ourselves by building our careers.

MY INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE

We were warmly welcomed by the Sihle Sangweni, a lady whom I had met who was very welcoming on the day I visited the office. She kept us engaged as she also provided information about how to conduct ourselves during a job interview. Here she is on the picture below:



We were then introduced to Bandile Solinjani who is one of the directors at EDGE, he kept us interested with regards to what EDGE as a recruitment company had to offer to us as the youth. He highlighted how the company is keeping Nelson Mandela's legacy going by empowering the youth with tools of dealing with life in the work environment.



We then had an informative speech which was presented by Sibulele Gcilitshana and Mvelisi Mvandaba where we were given a brief background of how actors were treated in the past with their profession with regards to policies and insurance.

The pair were good at informing us about how SAGA is a filling to the gap which was there in the industry, they also did a great job in informing us about the different workshops which they have to offer to the youth.



We were taught the skills on how to build the perfect CV by Janice Wagner who is one of the directors at EDGE. She eagerly emphasised the importance and the power of a great CV and cover letter with as much detail of what you've achieved as individual.

I appreciated that she actively engaged the audience by walking around and asking questions which she answered passionately.



We were then introduced to Career Junction and how to utilise it by Natalie Filander, she had presented us with a series of slides which were very informative on how to start a profile and how they can help us get hired.

What stood out to the majority of us was the fact that Career Junction is now available as an application on our phones, which is very convenient.



We were taught how to be efficient in our job searching and interviews by Valentine Malevu who specialises in HR for a French retail store. I appreciated the fact that she was very blunt about how the work environment is and also how it is very important to carry yourself with integrity and respect.



We were taught how to represent ourselves, individually as a brand by Fortune Masina, who is a social influencer.

He interested me as a fellow creative and has equipped me with tips on how to grow within social platforms without losing your core self. Also how he emphasised that we should be authentic.



We were taught about LinkedIn by Schalk Verwey who briefly explained what the professional social network is about. He went into detail on how to set up a profile and also how it will help us to connect with the amazing professionals who were encouraging us with regards to the journey we're venturing into in building our careers.



We were then taught work readiness skills by Stefan Elsin another one of the directors from EDGE Group. I loved the fact that he mentioned the difference of working for millennials and non-millennials and also how being proactive is advantageous.



The workshop was then concluded by Morena Moloi and Kutlwano Pooe, two confident and inspiring graduates who are now working in the EDGE Group. It was great watching their presentation because they captured key points on how to differentiate expectations and reality.



My overall experience at the workshop was very enlightening, empowering and fruitful because we were given the opportunity to engage with the professionals. It is definitely an experience I'll never forget and one I would love to share with many others.

The pictures below are of myself and fellow graduates that were at the event:



There were smiles all around

