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## **BOTSWANA YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AWARDS NOMINEES 2023**

**November 07, 2023**, BW JOBS 4 GRADUATES will host its inaugural Annual Botswana Youth Employment Awards Ceremony on **Friday, November 24, 2023, from 6 pm at Sunshine Conference Center, Phase 2**. This year members of the jury nominated 30 individuals and organizations from over 130 applications. Listed below in no particular order are all **2023 Botswana Youth Employment Award Nominees**.

Nominations were primarily based on how they carry out BW JOBS 4 GRADUATES Mission of "Promoting youth employment and economic growth by providing young people with access to job training, mentorship, and networking opportunities." Nominators considered criteria represented across fifteen categories, looking at how they are:

- Making significant impact to reach young people furthest from the job market.
- Instrumental in the delivery of mentorship to young people
- Going above and beyond their day job to make a difference.
- Innovative around finding solutions to challenges faced by young people in their journey into work, and/or the barriers facing young people in the post-pandemic environment.
- Collaboratively partnering with employers to deliver impactful programmes and achieve a sustainable pipeline of youth talent.
- Resilient and committed to supporting young people and delivering quality opportunities.
- Going above and beyond their day-to-day role to contribute to supporting young people on their employment journey, e.g they have taken on extra responsibility, created and delivered a new process/scheme.
- Making a real difference within their organisation or gone on to make a positive impact through extracurricular contribution (above and beyond their day-to-day role).
- Demonstrating leadership and the sharing of best practice to break down barriers to youth unemployment.

We are proud to announce the following recipients who will be recognized at the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Botswana Youth Employment Awards Ceremony:

| <b>NO</b> | <b>CATEGORY</b>   | <b>FULL NAMES</b>  |
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| <b>1</b>  | <b>Best Youth Creating Opportunities in the International Space</b> | Kefilwe Seele<br>Edu Light Consultancy                             |
|           | <b>Best Youth Creating Opportunities in the International Space</b> | Keteletso Molefe<br>Laven Enterprises (Pty)Ltd                     |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Individual Impact Award</b>                                      | Patricia Nkwane  |
|           | <b>Individual Impact Award</b>                                      | Uyapo Bobo Samuel  |
| <b>3</b>  | <b>Best Youth Employment Program</b>                                | JCI Botswana   |
|           | <b>Best Youth Employment Program</b>                                | Peter Fella<br>Innovation Kgotla                                   |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>Best Youth Employer of the Year</b>                              | Dawn Bell Academy  |
|           | <b>Best Youth Employer of the Year</b>                              | Lion Tutoring  |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>Youth Entrepreneur of the Year</b>                               | Victor Halton O Mmualefe<br>Phatsima Tutions Learning<br>Institute |
|           | <b>Youth Entrepreneur of the Year</b>                               | Onalenna Nono Machona<br>Pizza Ya Kasi                             |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Youth Employment Advocate of the Year</b>                        | Vanessa Nakedi   |
|           | <b>Youth Employment Advocate of the Year</b>                        | Tshepo Balozwi   |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Best Youth Employment Initiative</b>                             | Ogomoditse K D Olefile<br>Zihra Consultants                        |
|           | <b>Best Youth Employment Initiative</b>                             | Frank Oteng<br>NIO Visuals   |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Youth Mentor of the Year</b>                                     | Aobakwe Oteng Nkoni  |
|           | <b>Youth Mentor of the Year</b>                                     | Lame Lucas   |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Best Youth Employment Partnership</b>                            | Botho University   |
|           | <b>Best Youth Employment Partnership</b>                            | DARE TO DREAM  |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Youth Business Innovator of the Year</b>                         | Kedumetse Liphi<br>Ked-Liphi(pty) Ltd                              |

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|    | <b>Youth Business Innovator of the Year</b>   | Kobatshani Nthoi<br>in-SITU civils |
| 11 | <b>Best Youth Employment Service Provider</b> | Stepping Stones International      |
|    | <b>Best Youth Employment Service Provider</b> | Young Minds Africa                 |
| 12 | <b>Outstanding Graduate Achievement Award</b> | Faith Thipe                        |
|    | <b>Outstanding Graduate Achievement Award</b> | Arabang Olekanye                   |
| 13 | <b>Breakthrough Youth Employee Star Award</b> | Moffat Kootlhoboge                 |
|    | <b>Breakthrough Youth Employee Star Award</b> | Kediretswe Moremi                  |
| 14 | <b>Best Youth Friendly Employer</b>           | HOPE worldwide Botswana            |
|    | <b>Best Youth Friendly Employer</b>           | Mebala Youth Studios               |
| 15 | <b>Chairperson Legacy Award</b>               |                                    |

PLEASE NOTE: the "**Chairperson Legacy Award**" category has not been included in the publication list, however the winner will be announced during the event!

All nominations were truly appreciated, as they show each nominee's significance, talent, and overall appreciation for their work.

Each year, BW JOBS 4 GRADUATES will hold this special event to highlight individuals and organizations across Botswana who have been particularly extraordinary in their efforts to help young people into work. We hope it will serve as an inspiring and positive moment to celebrate all that has been achieved and to shine a light on the heroes in our communities who have made a real difference.

If you'd like to join us for an inspiring and heart-warming night, you can support by sponsoring or purchasing tickets by contacting Boineelo Mpinare 72129736 & Chris Seagateng 72427551 or email: [info@bwjobs4graduates.org.bw](mailto:info@bwjobs4graduates.org.bw)