



# Meet Colleen Kondowe

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Colleen Kondowe is a wife and mother. She loves people, enjoys cooking and spending time with her family, and also loves having time for herself. She loves children and desires to start her own NPO for young girls. She believes it is essential for young girls to be equipped with the tools to take care of themselves and develop their independence.

## Who inspires you?

Anyone I meet who has commitment and drive. I've met a lot of people and I have been blessed enough to have sat with some powerful people. The ones I remember are those who had passion and drive. I am inspired by people with passion.

## What keeps you going in this mentorship journey?

The reason I keep going is because I want to make a difference in young people's lives. I want young people to realise that they can achieve more; that they can achieve their dreams, and that they can reach their goals. I'm here to show them through my own story that anything is possible.

## What is your key highlight from the YeBo Academy?

I now believe I can achieve my dreams and I can create change in my community. Before the YeBo Academy, I could only see the negative in my community, but that has changed. I am now able to see the assets and resources in my community and how I am able to use these to bring about change.

*This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Dimpho Tomsana.*

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