

Scouts SA Gugulethu

Dimpho Tomsana is a vibrant and inspiring young woman from Gugulethu, Cape Town. She is an activist for peace and is drawn to calmness. Nature is where she recharges her batteries. This is also the place where she can reflect on her aspirations for her future. She loves reading - especially self-help books. Dimpho describes herself as a 'breaker of barriers'. She believes in seeing everyone's beauty. She believes positivity is her superpower. Her vision and goal is to empower women and children in her community.

## Why did you join the YeBo Academy?

I was previously on the YearBeyond programme as a YeBoneer. I enjoyed working with children. Now my next step is to expand my knowledge and learn how to work with and inspire young people.

## Why should young people serve their communities?

There is nothing greater than the gift of giving back. Even with the little you have, it is possible to be a beacon of hope. Investing time into a community is one of the best things young people can do for themselves.

## What advice do you have for future YeBo Academy students?

Be ready to observe, receive, and put everything you learn, into action. Be patient and understanding with yourself in your journey. Love the space you are in and go above and beyond for stakeholders, beneficiaries, and yourself.

This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Colleen Kondowe.