

Meet Ongeziwe Sandisiwe Valentine Ntamo, from Zwelethemba in Worcester, a young woman who's passionate about change and growth and wants to better the lives of young people.

She is a recent graduate from the Nelson Mandela University where she achieved an Advanced Diploma in Economics. She loves studying and listening to music to relax her mind.

Her biggest motivation is her son. As any mother she wants to give him a better life, where he can be his best self. She wants to change the world. The values she aligns with are empathy, integrity, resilience, and transparency.

Who is your biggest inspiration in life?

My aunt, Vuyelwa Faith Memani-Mhambi. She has shown me direction as my role model and always reminds me not to give up as I have a lot to offer this world.

What are you most proud of?

I am a proud of a 2x Graduate. I am proud of being able to look back and reflect on my mistakes and use them as lessons learned. I am also proud of the community I work in, the difference I make and the learners I work with.

What would you say to a younger version of yourself?

"Onge, be gentle with yourself. Be patient with yourself. Breathe, everything will be okay."

This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Evardene Abrahams.

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