

# Meet Siphosethu Plaatjies

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Siphosethu Plaatjies is from Motherwell, Eastern Cape. This 23-year-old is grounded and in control of herself, and you always feel her presence. Although humble and quiet, dynamite does indeed come in small packages.

She graduated from Midlands College with a qualification in Information Technology and Computer Sciences. Along the way she has met key individuals who she learns from and considers to be her accountability partners.

## **How do you overcome setbacks in life?**

It's very important to remember that in life, you will not always succeed. Things happen. Life gets in the way and events don't go as planned. A person fails here and there, and it is okay. What people should remind themselves of is during that process of failing, you often learn something. You might not always win, but you will learn something in the end.

## **What would you tell your younger self?**

Nontombi (baby girl), take it one step at a time! There is really no need to rush or pressure yourself. What is meant for you, will come to you. Just hang in there. Everything will work out eventually. Focus on your peace of mind and your emotions, and whether you are having fun or not.

## **What legacy do you want to leave behind?**

I want to be remembered as a change agent who brought about an impact to people's lives. I don't want them to ask, 'Sethu who?' or 'What did she do again?' Imagine that disaster! My name should evoke a sense of pride in conversations and the name YearBeyond should be associated with it.

*This interview was conducted and compiled by fellow YeBo Academy student, Sisipho Gxogxo.*