

# hello!

**GOLD's team has been growing these last few months. We asked some of these newbies a few questions about themselves.**

## **PHINDI NTHETHE**

**KZN (&MPU) Regional Coordinator (RSA)**

### **1. What has been the best thing about your first few days/months at GOLD?**

To meet new colleagues and to learn all the ins and outs of the job. Also realising the power Peer Education has to change the lives of youth in KZN, Botswana and Mpumalanga. I've also realised that whatever message you convey, you need to speak from the heart. It is also in line with what GOLD emphasizes "The message giver is the strongest message."

### **What is your favourite colour?**

Pink. It has a very wide range of shades and the lighter one can be seen as meaning tenderness, subtleness, youth and light. That's who I am.

## **LLOYD WILLIAMS**

**Training and Support Coordinator**

### **What has been the best thing about your first few days/months at GOLD?**

I would have to say that the best thing about my first month at GOLD has been meeting our implementers - the men and woman who are dedicated to the vision and mission of GOLD. Seeing their dedication and commitment to confronting the challenges young people face on a daily basis and knowing that we have people in the field that live to make that dream possible, has been amazing.

### **If you could spend 1 hour with anyone 2 people alive or dead, who would they be and why?**

This is a difficult one - it would be Amartya Sen, just to be able to discuss poverty and development issues in the 21st Century would be amazing and just to get to know what his thoughts are. The other would be Mother Theresa, what a servant heart and soul. Probably just to be in her company and listen to her motivation and draw some inspiration from the work she's done.

## **THANDI KHUMALO**

**Receptionist**

### **What has been the best thing about your first few days/months at GOLD?**

Having Helen Zille meeting with Susannah at the GOLD offices. Even though I didn't meet her or see her, just the feeling of knowing that one can meet amazing people as a result of working for GOLD is amazing.

### **What do you do to relax?**

Listen to music, instrumental

### **If you could spend 1 hour with anyone 2 people alive or dead, who would they be and why?**

My dad, I've never met him. Also Oprah Winfrey - she is the most influential and powerful woman in the world.

## **GERTRUDE ZVAVANJANJA**

**Quality Assurance Coordinator**

### **What has been the best thing about your first few days/months at GOLD?**

It's been great that I have met so many new people who are all fascinating! I've also enjoyed the few days that I have been doing my job. I am really looking forward to it.

### **What's your favourite food?**

Milk tart, or anything with chocolate. So unhealthy!

## **VICKI ELLIOT**

**Quality Assurance Manager**

### **What has been the best thing about your first few days/months at GOLD?**

On my first day here it was Nonke's birthday and everyone congregated in the board room and sang happy birthday to him! It was really sweet and I got an insight into the kind of work environment that GOLD is.

### **What has been the most challenging?**

Learning all the systems especially the M&E system has been the most challenging. But Monique has been a great teacher.

### **What do you do to relax?**

Read, bake, cook, garden. I'm a real home body! I love pottering around the garden and my favorite thing to do on a sunny afternoon is lie in my hammock and read a good book!

**Phindi**



**Lloyd**



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