



Tell us about yourself

Description

A number of diverse and talented new employees recently joined the AfroCentric Group, infusing the departments and teams they're now part of with enthusiasm and renewed energy.

We're excited to get to know them a bit better as they tell us about themselves, their experience as newbies, and what they look forward to on their career journey.

Peter Magagane, Graphic Designer: Group Marketing and Corporate Affairs



I'm looking forward to growing my career alongside our brand to stand out against our competitors. I've always wanted to be a creative designer but due to my excellent marks and APS score, I started off studying Law (LLB) after high school. I then dropped out to pursue what I'm doing now – I'm basically living my dream!

On a personal note, my family comes first. My mother and younger brother are the reason I strive for excellence in all that I do. They're my life.

And as for my playlist, right now I'm listening to Kelvin Momo, old-school Kanye West, Khuli Chana, and Kendrick Lamar, but if I had to choose a song to describe my first few days and impressions at AfroCentric, I'd say Kanye West's "Power".

Samantha Billings, Credit Controller: GEMS Contributions and Debt Management

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During induction I enjoyed all the presentations from the different departments, which gave me a broader perspective of what each unit or department does and how they contribute to the Afrocentric Group. I'm looking forward to growing and seeing how I can contribute to the betterment of my department and the organisation. I was inspired to join the company because of its large footprint in the healthcare industry, and I'm proud to be a part of AfroCentric because it is such a dynamic company that contributes largely to the healthcare of South African families.

I owe my experience in this industry mostly to AfroCentric Health. I've been fortunate to be granted various opportunities for growth and experience, and I can now proudly say that I am able to work in most of the many business units because of this.

On a personal note, I love socialising and interacting with people from all walks of life.

Athenkosi Lolwana, Branding and Digital Marketing Specialist: Group Marketing and Corporate Affairs

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My skillset is quite diverse and while I've previously worked in roles requiring both branding and digital marketing skills respectively, I'm excited to merge the two at AfroCentric. Managing this comprehensive portfolio, which illuminates the company and its brand, feels like being handed my first drawing board to unleash my creativity on a grand scale.

As a child, I aspired to be a TV presenter, inspired by the iconic hosts of the early 2000s who introduced the various SABC programmes – followed by the musical slogan "Simunye, We Are One". While I didn't pursue that exact path, I've done some TV work before and I continue to find fulfilment in public speaking roles, such as being an MC and facilitator. I still harbour dreams of hosting my own talk show someday, whether on TV or radio.

In fact, I often say that I'm the black sheep of my family because everyone else has pursued or is currently involved in careers within local government, but I've charted a different course. I've never felt drawn to that field, nor have I desired to settle permanently in my hometown of Komani (formerly Queenstown).

Since 2012, my favourite movie has been Batman: The Dark Knight Rises. Tom Hardy's portrayal of Bane stands out as one of the finest acting performances I've ever witnessed. When it comes to books, I always direct people towards The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho – if you haven't read it, start today!

At the top of my playlist right now is Kabza De Small's "Imithandazo", a track that not only pumps up the energy but also resonates as a prayer for many young people. If I had to pick a song to describe my first few days and impressions at AfroCentric, it would be "I Was Born for This" by HHP, Teargas & Liquideep.

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