Entrepreneurs hold the key to solving problems

Innovative small businesses can help alleviate joblessness

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Y EAR two of the Step Up 2 a Star Up programme came to an end in Johannesburg, Thursday with the naming of the top three teams, taught a ‘makers’ boot camp’, which aimed to embark on their own projects in teams of two to five.

The Step Up programme is aimed at entrepreneurship and it is supported by the National Youth Development Agency, Absa, MTN, Sasol and PwC as its key sponsors.

In 2013, some pupils attended the educational film at SterKinekor complexes across the country. They were all given an Entrepreneurs and Makers Tool Kit and encouraged to embark on their own projects in teams of two to five.

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More than R1 million worth of prizes went to the top three teams, with Mamela’s Robodee-Laka High School team coming out on top.

They also spent time at an educational institution where they were exposed to design and manufacturing and learnt about the different qualifications that will feed into the manufacturing industry.

When talking about the theme for next year’s Step Up 2 a Start Up project will be “My Planet. My People. My Purpose. Making it my Business!”

“We recognise that saving the planet is the most pressing challenge that we are looking for projects that are socially based and are aimed at environmental issues,” he said.

It’s clear that solutions to the environmental challenges are going to come from the international entrepreneurship schemes that created them, said Sweet.

“Young entrepreneurs, with their innovative spirit and entrenched social conscience, are the ones who will be producing the answers, so Step Up 2015 will be looking at teaching school pupils to identify social and environmental problems, designing and manufacturing solutions, and turning their ideas into sustainable businesses.”

Among the generous prize sponsors for the 2015 award winners were University of the Witwatersrand, University of Stellenbosch Business School Executive Development, Regenesys Business School, The Innovation Hub, Gauteng Enterprise Propeller, JI, Corporate Cooperation, Raizcorp, Seed Academy, Allan Gray Orbits Foundation, Trescom, Johannesburg Centre for Software Engineering, Afrika Tikkun, Proudly South African, Small Business, Blue Collar Foundation, Ekoms, City of Johannesburg, Kano and Incredible Connection.

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CITY OF JOHANNESBURG VACANCIES

Job Position: Permanent Positions

Department: Transport

Branch: Scheduled Services Management

Salary Range: R542 436 – R567 000 per annum (plus benefits)

Director: Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS)

Educational Requirements and Experience

A degree such as BSc Computer Science or BSc Information Technology or a relevant NSF level 7 qualification in related field is required; however candidates with equivalent relevant work experience and a proven track record would be considered.

A post-graduate qualification in Project Management would be considered.

At least ten (10) years’ working experience in the IT field.

At least eight (8) years’ experience in a managerial position.

At least four (4) years’ senior public transport management experience in a public sector environment.

In-depth knowledge of available ITS technologies.

Ability to communicate with and manage service provider.

Job Description:

Lead, direct, control and manage the Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) Department to enable the Department to successfully achieve its mandate in relation to Scheduled Services Management’s intelligent transport Systems which includes Advanced Public Transport Management Systems (APMIS), Automated Fare Collection (AFC) systems and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure.

Strategic leadership and management of the ITS department in accordance with the strategic thrusts of the City of Johannesburg. Project Management of ITS programmes and projects. To ensure that all projects and financial milestones related to the above functions are achieved within the time and cost targets set for the ITS department.

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Manager: Finance/Revenue

Educational requirements and experience

NSF level 7 qualification with Accounting, Auditing, Financial management or relevant tertiary qualification would be required.

Two (2) to three (3) years’ MFMA, Treasury Regulations, GRAP, SAP and Financial Accounting experience.

Two (2) to three (3) years’ supervisory/management experience.

Proven quantitative and analytical skills.

Job Description:

Plan, organise and co-ordinate the work floor and manage revenue activities. Ensure that work is regulated in a system and work plan to ensure optimal work performance and productivity. Monitor and ensure correct capturing of accounting information. Overseas the balancing and reconciling of all income control accounts.

Check the BRT system bank reconciliations. Manage, monitor and report on the budget through analysis or reports to the Deputy Director. Compile monthly, quarterly and annual reports on all divisional revenue of the department.

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