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Reinvigorating the Events Industry Skill Set

The recruitment challenges impacting across the business events and exhibition sector are at the centre of many discussions amongst members right now. Many skills have been lost due the impact of the pandemic. Some may never return as our recovery is only starting to feel as if it is finally taking off.

However, we all have the lived experience as to how our own learning on the job was, how we did it and who gave us that much needed push to enter this sector.

This week we call on our members to reach out and consider potential learnership opportunities for students who will need work placement in the coming months to complete their degrees and courses.

SAACI has been working with several tertiary institutions in building a base of graduates that will form part of the inaugural SAACI Youth Board. We view the role of the next generation as a key strategic initiative in ensuring continuity whilst building the future skilled business events professionals for our sector.

We look forward to our members and industry leaders who will ensure the relevance of the internships and will support the future of the industry with steering further activities of the association in the coming years, which are focused on our young professionals.

Any member interested in becoming a Trailblazer or learning more about the process of the SAACI Youth Board can contact members@saaci.org.



Gauteng Branch AGM: 26 April 2022 @ 14h00

The annual SAACI Gauteng Branch AGM will be taking place next week Tuesday, 26 April 2022.

Time: 14h00

Venue: @Sandton Hotel, Benmore Gardens

We encourage members and non-members to attend and network as



SAACI Youth Portfolio announcement

After our recent national vote, it gives us great pleasure to announce Gheeta Payle as our Youth Portfolio Representative. Our Chairperson, Kim Roberts says "we look forward to the valuable contribution Gheeta will make in one of our key strategic activities".

Gheeta has almost 9 years' experience within the events and

we seek out new business opportunities and inform the region of the work done during the passed year, and more importantly what the region and National Office aims on incorporating at the Association during our next term.

Please note that this is a voting AGM, where members are encouraged to nominate and vote for the Branch Committee members.

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hospitality industry. In 2017 she was recognized by the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA) as 1 of 35 young professionals in the world to attend a special program in Barcelona, Spain. She has fulfilled various roles and is now an experienced and ambitious Sales Executive, currently working for INHOUSE Venue Technical Management.

Driven by service excellence, she takes pride in understanding the client's vision, creating a concept and design, and bringing it to life – This she says, is the magic of our industry.



As we await feedback from our submission on the proposed continuation of the regulations, your association remains steadfast that we need to be allowed to self-regulate our operating procedures.

Our work is critical in driving the economic recovery, further continuation through restrictions will hold back any sustained retention of the skills for our sector.

Livelihoods need to be protected.

Stay Safe, Stay Strong, Stay Confident,
The SAACI TEAM



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