

## Success Stories

Yes We Can is about more than economic empowerment; it's about personal growth, and Nondinaye Tyalisi is a walking example of that. She is a rape survivor who has now become one of our tutors after being trained by Yes We Can. She started sewing by hand and now has her own industrial sewing machine bought by herself at home in Mfuleni, a township half an hour from Cape Town. After her ordeal, Nondinaye returned to Rape Crisis Centre where she had received support to recover from sexual violence as a sewing tutor and trained a few ladies.

She has advanced in leaps and bounds, finding new purpose in the work she does with us. Not content to simply be another face in the crowd, Nondinaye excelled as a seamstress, quickly becoming a facilitator who leads her own sewing classes! She has taught many hours of practical knowledge to our students.

A champion for women's empowerment and an example to all those rebuilding their lives, Nondinaye has taken charge of her future and doesn't plan to stop here!



She now shows others that it is possible bounce back after crisis. In doing so, she has become a source of inspiration and hope for us all!

## Our Mission

To create and maintain a sustainable educational organisation that equips youth and women with skillsets to develop themselves and maintain their livelihoods.

## Our Vision

For learners to replicate our educational model in their respective communities; ensuring longevity of it and its self-sustainability as well as creating self-employment.

## Contact us

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Yes We Can South Africa Foundation is a non-profit company that empowers youth and women in skills training in sewing and entrepreneurship based in Cape Town, South Africa, since 2017.



## About Yes We Can South Africa Foundation

Yes We Can started 4 years ago and have offered sewing and entrepreneurial skills training to more than 500 women from disadvantaged communities in Cape Town.

Our affordable classes cost R 100 for three hours, and what the learners make in classes, they take home to show their family, community, schools, future potential clients, as a process to start their entrepreneurial journey. After 5 classes, the student receives a certificate.

As a mobile sewing and business school we are able to extend our reach traveling to other organisations such as libraries, places of worship and community halls where the training takes place.

Our teachers are our previous students who now run classes by themselves. The same group of teachers form our team of permanent seamstresses. All our ladies have a sewing machine at home. While they sew, they look after their children. They do not spend money on transport either. It is compulsory that they open bank accounts to learn how to manage and save money.



## Our Products

We sew African inspired products such as backpacks, conference bags, laptop bags, pencil cases, dresses and more using indigenous shweshwe style of textiles.

All items are exclusive and some are still hand-stitched. They can also be custom made depending on the design or material required by the client. We also do repairs and alterations.

We have sold more than 40 000 items in South Africa and overseas.

Supporting Yes We Can is nothing short of changing lives. Every product purchased works to uplift a previously unemployed woman and enrich an underprivileged community. Your support restores dignity of the poor.

## Sustainability

We also use recycled fabrics. We believe that social development goes hand-in-hand with the sustainability of the planet, and we strive to make our creations eco-friendly. All our lining is from re-used materials. Recycling fabrics also cut costs, allowing us to pay our craftspeople better wages and improve our equipment.

