

## FAATIN BUX



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As a teenager, I grew up with the likes of Dr Mamphela Ramphele. By nature, I am no-nonsense and inspired by challenges. I see them as fertile ground and opportunities to get my hands dirty. My eulogy will read: 'Faatin knew how to love, how to live. She fought hard for what's right at whatever cost.'

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Faatin is an award-winning youth entrepreneur, asset-based socio-economic development practitioner and human resources manager.

She is currently serving as Regional Co-ordinator for Afrika Tikkun Services (Pty) Ltd in Cape Town, focussed on project managing youth transformation and socially responsible investment agendas for companies. In addition to setting up the local branch, she obtained government funding for 100 young people to secure gainful employment. Prior, she worked as Head of Development for Afrika Tikkun NPO and was promoted to Head of Cape Town Fundraising office within first 3 months.

In 2013, Faatin spent two years at UCT under contract at the Energy Research Centre's Mechanical Engineering as Departmental Manager. During this time, she uncovered credit card and research funding fraud and is currently partnering with the whistle-blowers task team in the investigation.

Passionate about business development, Faatin co-founded MML Consulting in 2010. As CEO, she managed financial and human resource capacity for CSI projects. Clients included Cederberg Municipality, Allie Contractors, Young Women in Business Network and the Drakenstein Municipality.

As secretary of the “then” unofficial youth network for the Thabo Mbeki Foundation, Faatin was one of two South Africans to win the TIAW 2012 “World of Difference Awards” for her non-profit organisation, Money Grows on Trees. She secured six funders over a two-year period including Mzansi Magic and the International Human Rights Exchange. In 2011, she majored in Entrepreneurship at WITS focussing on Venture Creation for Women.

In 2008, Faatin served as CEO for the Resource Action Group implementing Financial Systems and Processes Sourcing funding. During this tenure, she ensured the completion of two years outstanding financial audits, decreased the organizations deficit by 80% over an eight-month period, streamlined operations and decreased expenses by 55%. In addition, Faatin introduced additional income generating operational programmes to ensure sustainability.

At 23, she undertook the role of Managing member/owner of acclaimed Career Vision CC (Recruitment Company-specialising in unemployed graduates). The company was one of the first to employ innovative technical approaches to recruitment and selection and became a UCT service provider. In 2006/7 the company won Cape Times / KPMG's Editor's Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence

and was showcased on DSTV's channel 82 as one of Liberty Life's entrepreneurs.

The South African Swiss Initiative also requested Career Vision CC to be one of their “success story” entrepreneurs. Career Vision presented a talk on “What it takes to be an entrepreneur” at the Kaizen Project's (affiliated to the Red Cross) annual event and addressed the Umsobomvu Youth Fund's regional office on “Starting your own business”. The company also presented a workshop for youth recruited by the Oostenryk Municipality on opportunities after school in June 2004 (as part of their annual youth development project.)

Faatin kicked off her academic career studying Social Industrial Psychology & Sociology at UCT and is currently doing her MBA through Regenisys. Over the next decade she has set her sights on working as an advocate for socially responsible investment in the National Planning Commission at Presidential youth advisory level as well as the United Nations.

In her spare time she focusses on grooming her daughters to be South Africa's next generation of Presidents.