

ROSIE MOTENE

Pan-African queer feminist writer & activist.
Consultant, speaker, and documentary film & impact producer
Life Coach and counsellor.

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SKILLS

Consultant
Writer
Speaker/facilitator/moderator
TV & Film producer
Counsellor & Life coach

EDUCATION

Wits University (1994- 1998)
BADA - Bachelor of Dramatic Arts

POWA- People Opposing Women Abuse (2003)
Feminist political education. Training and public awareness on abuse against women. The course included counseling, court preparation, feminist political education, and activist training.

Multichoice South Africa (2006)
TV producer & director training.

Laughing Yoga SA (2001)
Rosie is an accredited laughing yoga coach.

NFVF- National film and video foundation (2012)
Film producers training.

TriFocus academy (2020)
Life Coaching

African Women Development and communication Network. (2020)
African Feminist Macroeconomic academy

ROSIE MOTENE ®

Rosie Motene holds a Bachelor of Arts in Dramatic Arts (Honours) from the University Of The Witwatersrand. She has over thirty years of experience in the entertainment industry and twenty years within the Pan-African activism space, with her focus on GBV and the LGBTQI communities. Rosie operates as a Queer feminist author, activist, speaker, consultant, counsellor, and life coach.

Rosie Motene is a registered trademark under the South African: Trademark Application for ROSIE MOTENE (word mark) + visual representation in class 14 as well as class 16 and 41, physical

WORK EXPERIENCE

Waka Talent Agency 2011- 2024

- Founder and MD of the first Pan-African Talent agency.
- The agency represented TV & radio personalities, voice-over artists, speakers, and facilitators from the continent.
- The agency had a footprint in South Africa, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, DRC, Angola, Botswana and Zambia.
- Rosie secured bookings, castings, placements, and contracts for each talent, in their countries and created Pan-African synergies.
- Casting clients included: Econet, Tinsel (Nigeria & Kenya), Mzansi magic, ETV.

The author and writer 2017- present

- In 2017, Rosie published her autobiography, Reclaiming The Soil.
- In 2018, the book won the award at the African Authors Awards.
- The book was awarded The One City One Book Choice for the year 2018/2019. The initiative is through the Ethekwini municipality.
- Blog spaces
- <https://www.patreon.com/rosiemotene>
- <https://rosiemoteneblog.wordpress.com/>

Professional speaker/ facilitator/ conference moderator

- Rosie Motene is a revered speaker, emcee, and facilitator with over 25 years of experience.
- Speaking topics include:
 - The Pan-African entertainment industry.
 - African identity
 - Gender-based violence/ Femicide
 - Summiting Mount Kilimanjaro.
 - African feminism and activism
- TEDxLytteltonWomen- <https://youtu.be/y1NGnVB4Ud4>
- A client list can be sent on request.

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Dr. Karen E Wells (CTAA)

Complementary Therapists Accredited Association. (2020)

Professional Counselling Diploma for Sexual Abuse

Dr. Karen E Wells (CTAA)

Complementary Therapists Accredited Association. (2020)

Full accredited professional PTSD counselling Diploma

Don Kropp

2020)

Certificate for Providing Trauma Informed care

Anjali Academy 2023 - still training

Breath work teacher training

Wits University 2024 -

Drama Therapy and Psychology (Part Time)

REFERENCES

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Ntethelelo Foundation

Thokozani Ndaba | Executive director



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Michelle Odayan- Former chair of POWA

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Eve Ensler

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WORK EXPERIENCE

Consultancy

2010 to present

- The work includes
 - Moderating and facilitating
 - Training
 - Preparing and hosting workshops
 - Rapporteur and documenting.
 - Social media manager and monitoring.
 - Production consulting and casting

- Clients include POWA, Ntethelelo Foundation, Uganda feminist Forum, Loreal, Hivos, 1in9 Campaign, Vodacom, FNB, Momentum Health, and Hlanganisa Community Fund and more

Broadcasting

2016

- NTV & Spark TV Uganda: Head of productions, programming, and acquisitions.
- Location- Kampala, Uganda, in charge of NTV Uganda and Spark TV channels respectively.
- The job description included conceptualizing, executing, and producing 25 shows, most were in English with a few in Luganda. She was responsible for 42 staff which included, producers, video editors, programmers, and the camera department.
- Acquiring and programming for bot T networks.

TV and film producer

TV

Studio 53.	Pan African	2004 - 2011
Jarra	Nigeria	2011
Doctors on call	South Africa	2014 - 2015

Feature Film

Man On Ground- Feature film 2011
Directed by Akin Omotoso. Rosie is the co-producer.

Documentary

The Woman Who Poked the Leopard- Dr Stella Nyanzi's story.
Directed by Patience Nitumwesiga Rosie is the co-producer and impact producer
The project is in post-production and looking for funding.

The 1in9 campaign- Legacy project.
The story of how the 1in9 Campaign started.
Executive producer & Impact producer.
The project is in development and looking for funding.

Board of Trustees

Childline Gauteng - Chairperson	2004 - 2012
Johannesburg Children's Home.	2004 - 2012
Tomorrow Trust	2007 - 2015
POWA	2009 - 2019
The Other Foundation	2021 to present

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

My name is Rosie Motene from South Africa. My three passions are Womxn, Africa, and the arts. I started my career in the South African entertainment industry as on screen talent and was trained and moved into production roles. My career in media spans over thirty years. My activism career found me after healing from an abusive relationship that I was in while studying at university. It began as the spokesperson for the first Vagina Monologues concert, hosted by author and activist, Eve Ensler. I was led to POWA (people opposing women's abuse), where I completed my preliminary training in counseling and feminist education and I used my public brand to create awareness of issues on abuse in South Africa, providing support and court preparation to victims. Over the years I have worked and sat on various boards, including POWA where I was co-chair for a few years. My additional activity work has extended to UN women and the One Billion Rising through the V-day movement.

In 2015, I resigned from a TV production after I refused to perform semi-naked and spoke out against sexual harassment. With being in the activist space, I knew my stance would cost me my career as I was further blacklisted. My work is now dedicated to consulting, speaking, and working in spaces that follow human rights principles that are aligned with my passions. During our lockdown in 2020, I took the time to complete additional training and completed various courses including a life coaching course.

In 2024, I was accepted into the Drama For Life program at Wits University for my post-graduate studies in drama therapy, in tandem with a psychology degree.

With my experience as a film producer, talent manager, and facilitator, I have excelled at logistics, planning, funding applications preparing proposals, and meeting deadlines. My extensive travel has afforded me the ability to work effectively with diverse communities and across different time zones. My drama and speaker background makes me an excellent representative for any organization as well as giving presentations and facilitating dialogues. For my media and online presence, I have worked as a social media manager for POWA and my own companies. My pan-African interaction has allowed me to understand various trends and themes in different countries.

My dedication to human rights issues is my strong standpoint and will always be at the forefront of many decisions.

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