

## Future Women of Africa conference reaches 1,200 young women

The Robin Hood Foundation hosted its first Future Women of Africa conference, where 1,200 young women between the ages of 15 and 36 were taught important practical skills that would enable them to go out and change their own lives and the lives around them...

Wonderbag founder, Sarah Collins addressed the delegates, impressing upon them the important part they play when it comes to South Africa's future. Other speakers included Cindy Norcott, Gcina Mhlope, Jackie Houston, Sr Nadene Olley, Kim Griffith-Jones, Fay and Megan Coleman, S'bo Khoza, Mariane Vorster, Monique Labat, Eric Tocknell, Danielle How, Nomfundo Molefe and Darryl Williams.

According to Kim Griffith Jones from the Robin Hood Foundation, who coordinated the event, delegates were thrilled to have Collins speak at the conference. "Our intention was for all these young women to leave here with a true-to-life, inspirational message and Sarah was the perfect person for the job. She told us about her unwavering belief in the personal power of women to change their own lives and the world they live in. She also engaged with the delegates about the possibility of becoming Wonderpreneurs and how the product can be used for entrepreneurial purposes. With every woman receiving a Wonderbag donated by the Wonderbag Foundation, they are already on a path for positive change."



Collins was delighted to be involved with this initiative and was thrilled to see 1,200 Wonderbags go towards such a worthy and empowering cause. "I always jump at the chance to help empower other women. These young women are our future and it was fantastic getting to spend time with them and see them start to believe in themselves, while absorbing all the advice and valuable information shared by all the speakers that will help them one day take the world by storm. I do believe that we all have the power to affect positive change in our own lives and in our communities," said Collins.

This conference is currently a once-off event but organisers are looking to host the event again next year due to the overwhelming response received from the community. The event took place at City Hill Church and delegates were treated to entertainment, activations and team building activities.

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