

## **Names and Bios for Barcelona**

### **1. Zola Tshabalala, 23 yrs**

Zola is from the informal settlement of Orange Farm (Gauteng). After matriculating, she was unable to find work and started attending the Y-Centre to play sports, but rapidly became involved in other programs. She was appointed to loveLife's volunteer youth corps (groundBREAKERS) as facilitator of motivational programmes at the Y-Centre, but was such an outstanding personality that she became a full-time motivator within loveLife's national development programme. In 2001, she was chosen to lead a team of groundBREAKERS in an expedition with polar explorer Robert Swan to the Antarctica, and is now touring South Africa sharing that experience and message of protecting the future with other young people.

### **2. John Ntsele, 20 yrs**

John Ntsele is a groundBREAKER on the Love Train, one of loveLife's outreach vehicles to rural parts of South Africa.

John is also from Orange Farm where he was a motivational facilitator. He's a great speaker, can hold and engage an audience, and through his train experience, knows what it's like to be on a roadshow.

### **3. Lonwabo Jabavu, 19 yrs**

My name is Lonwabo and I am 19 years old. I grew up in Kwa-Zakhele township in the Eastern Cape. I stay with my mother, sister and brother – and we all survive on my stipend of US\$75 per month as a loveLife groundBREAKER.

Before joining loveLife, I used to sell vegetables so that at the end of the day my family would sleep with something in their stomach. Because I was selling vegetables, people called me 'NO-VEG.' and that resulted to my peers not wanting to have anything to do with me and I became lonely. I wanted to belong to a certain group of peers and the pressure I had resulted me in contracting a sexually transmitted disease. A friend of mine advised me to come to the loveLife Y-centre.

I am now a Love Tour groundBREAKER where we travel around the country spreading positive lifestyle messages in a youth friendly manner that includes Radio presenting and entertainment, which is a popular culture to young people of South Africa.

**4. Tina Magagane, 16 yrs**

I'm a motivational facilitator at the Acornhoek loveLife Y-Centre. I also am a radio studio presenter and lead dance classes. Part of my work involves working in schools to motivate other young people to adopt a positive lifestyle.

**5. Kamoelo Mabula, 15 years**

I am a fifteen year old motivational facilitator from Langa loveLife Y-Centre in the Eastern Cape. Langa is an old township with high unemployment and we experience a lot of violence towards girls and young women. We are trying to change this by changing the attitudes of young people attending the Y-Centre