

ROSIE MOTENE

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

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Education

Postgraduate Studies in Drama Therapy and Psychology (Completion Expected in 2025)

University of the Witwatersrand

BA in Dramatic Arts – Wits University

Graduated: 1998

Certifications & Professional Development

- Professional Counselling Diploma for Sexual Abuse (Dr. Karen E Wells, CTAA) - 2020
- Full accredited professional PTSD counselling Diploma (Dr. Karen E Wells, CTAA) - 2020
- Certificate for Providing Trauma Informed care (Don Kropp) - 2020
- Breath work teacher training (Anjali Academy) -2024
- Certified Life Coach (TriFocus academy) -2020
- Reflective Practice Training (Drama For Life) - 2024
- Feminist Political education, People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA), 2003
- Feminist Political education. (1in 9 Campaign) - 2007
- TV producer & director training. (Multichoice South Africa) - 2006
- Laughing Yoga training, (Laughing Yoga SA) -2001
- Film producers training, (NFVF- National film and video foundation) - 2012
- African Feminist Macroeconomic academy, (African Women Development and communication Network) - 2020

References

- **Prudence Siweya** | Communications Specialist, Hlanganisa Community Fund
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Professional Experience

Independent Activist & Consultant

2004– Present

- Spearheaded various projects focused on women's rights, trauma recovery, LGBTQIA+ rights, and social justice.
- Provided consulting services for international organizations working on gender equality and trauma-informed care.
- Produced impactful campaigns to raise awareness of sexual abuse, harassment, and systemic inequalities.
- Delivered powerful keynotes, facilitated workshops, and moderated discussions on activism, feminism, and mental health at global conferences.
- Rapporteur and documenting.
- Navigated a ban from the media industry (2015) due to a refusal to perform semi-naked on a TV show and a stance against sexual harassment.
- Focused on using an intersectional lens in all subsequent work, creating awareness and supporting advocacy for survivors of sexual violence.

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

Published author & Writer

2017 to present

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

Global speaker

2004– Present

- Keynote speaker on multiple platforms.

Topics include

- Inter-racial adoption.
- African identity
- Intersectional feminism
- Gender Based Violence and femicide
- LGBTQIA+ rights
- The Pan African entertainment industry
- Documentary & Impact Producing
- Summited Mount Kilimanjaro.
- TEDxLytteltonWomen- Watch here <https://youtu.be/y1NGnVB4Ud4>

Life Coach (Certified & Registered)

2020 – Present

- Provide life coaching for clients seeking personal development, empowerment, and resilience.

Counselling (Certified & Registered)

2004 – Present

- Offer specialized trauma-informed counseling services for survivors of sexual abuse and PTSD.
- Conducted trauma debriefing and recovery sessions, supporting individuals through life challenges and emotional healing.

Reflective Practice Practitioner

2025 – Present

- Uses reflective practice methods to critically evaluate personal and professional experiences in order to enhance growth and development.
- Integrate reflective practices into both personal and professional coaching, counseling, and activist work to ensure continuous improvement.
- Engage in reflective practice to continuously evaluate and improve counseling methods and client outcomes.

TV & Film producer

2006 – Present

- **Studio 53** (2006-2011) | **Jarra** (Nigeria, 2011) | **Doctors on Call** (South Africa, 2014-2015)
- **Feature Film Producer:** *Man on Ground* (Pan African, 2011), directed by Akin Omotoso.
- **Documentary Producer:** *The Woman Who Poked the Leopard* (Dr. Stella Nyanzi's story), co-producer & impact producer, currently in post-production.
- **Legacy Project:** *The lin9 Campaign* documentary, executive producer & impact producer, currently in development.

Waka Talent Agency

2009 – 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.

Broadcasting - NTV and SparkTV in Uganda - Head of productions, programming, and acquisitions.

2016

- Conceptualized, executed, and produced 25 shows for NTV & SparkTV Uganda. in English with a few in Luganda.
- Managed a team of 42, including producers, video editors, and camera staff.
- Acquisition and programming for both networks.

Actor & Advocate

1994 – 2015

- Navigated a ban from the media industry due to a refusal to perform semi-naked on a TV show and a stance against sexual harassment.
- Focused on using an intersectional lens in all subsequent work, creating awareness and supporting advocacy for survivors of sexual violence.

Board duties.

Co-Chairperson, The Other Foundation

2022 – Present

- Lead strategic direction and advocacy for the foundation, which supports the LGBTQIA+ community in the SADC region.
- Collaborate with partners to drive impactful initiatives that foster equality, visibility, and rights for marginalized communities.

SRJC- Sexual Reproductive Justice Coalition

2024 – Present

- Lead strategic direction and advocacy for the organisation, which contributes toward the realization of sexual and reproductive justice for all.

Chairperson, Childline Gauteng

2004 – 2010

- Chaired board meetings and helped guide the organization's work in supporting children affected by abuse, neglect, and violence.
- Advocated for children's rights and led initiatives to ensure the safety and protection of vulnerable children across Gauteng.

Johannesburg Children's Home- The affiliate organisation to Childline, Gauteng

2004 – 2010

- Attended board meetings and helped guide the organization's work in supporting children affected by abuse, neglect, and violence.
- Advocated for children's rights and led initiatives to ensure the safety and protection of vulnerable children across Gauteng.

Tomorrow Trust

2007 - 2015

- Assisted in empowering orphaned and vulnerable children and youth in South Africa through quality education.

Infinite Family

2010 - 2012

- Assisted in bringing skills and technology to teens and pre-teens in South Africa.

Deputy Chairperson, People Opposing Women Abuse (POWA)

2009– 2019

- Led strategic campaigns to combat gender-based violence and provide support services to survivors of abuse.
- Worked closely with local and international organizations to build partnerships and enhance the organization's impact.