

# *Siyabulela Jentile* *Bio*

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**“As powerful as is our soul's call, so potent are the forces of Resistance arrayed against it. We're not alone if we've been mowed down by Resistance; millions of good men and women have bitten the dust before us” - Steven Pressfield**

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## **Meet Mr Siyabulela Jentile**

Siyabulela Jentile is a distinguished South African Human Rights Defender and self-published Author. With over a decade of diverse professional experience, he has made significant strides in advocating for social justice, particularly in combating gender violence and promoting civic engagement.

He left his career and job in civil engineering in 2017, compelled to take action against the escalating GBV and femicide in South Africa. He launched the Not In My Name International movement, dedicated to addressing the pervasive issue of gender inequality. His initiatives mainly focus on supporting and empowering victims of gender violence while also rehabilitating and educating men and boys to foster positive and non-violent forms of masculinity. His impactful work has garnered attention and recognition from esteemed organizations such as the United Nations and the African Union.

During his time at the University of Pretoria's Gordon Institute of Business Sciences, Siyabulela's research highlighted a troubling trend: a steady decline in electoral participation among young South Africans since the country's first democratic elections in 1994. Motivated by this finding, he founded the Missing X Institute. This initiative aims to enhance civic and political engagement through research, advocacy, and capacity-building, while also providing consulting services and facilitating community engagement programs.

Siyabulela has participated in various prestigious training programs, including one on Civic Engagement from the Obama Foundation and the Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders. As of January 2025, he is a Laureate of the Initiative Marianne for Human Rights Defenders, where he is enhancing his skills in advocacy, negotiation, and project management in Paris, France.

In addition to his activism, Siyabulela has contributed to various platforms, including articles for the London based United Nations Association – UK magazine and the now defunct Cosmopolitan magazine. He was appointed to the ad-hoc advisory council of the Together First Global campaign, representing one of only two Africans on the council.

He is a graduate of the SEP at the Gordon Institute of Business Science and is currently pursuing a BA in Political Leadership and Citizenship at the University of South Africa. He is a member of the International Leadership Association and the Generation Democracy Network.

Siyabulela exemplifies a commitment to human rights and social justice, actively working to reshape societal norms and improve democratic participation in South Africa.

