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Who is this leader?

Who you are?

- ❑ Zintle Khobeni de Lange – gender & human rights activist, survivor, and social justice champion.
- ❑ Founder of The Great People of South Africa, a women's rights organization.
- ❑ Public speaker, spiritual healer, and political activist.
- ❑ Blogger and storyteller amplifying voices of marginalized communities.
- ❑ Women Of The South Speak Out Fellow

Where you are from?

- ❑ Born in Ndofela Village, Eastern Cape, near the Lesotho border.
- ❑ Raised in Soweto, shaped by activism and political consciousness.
- ❑ Currently based in the Western Cape, working with marginalized communities.
- ❑ Fluent in 8 of the 12 official South African languages.

What you do?

- ❑ Lead gender-transformative initiatives empowering women and GBV survivors.
- ❑ Train survivors as paralegals, equipping them with legal knowledge.
- ❑ Use digital storytelling and blogging to challenge oppression and backlash.
- ❑ Work across sectors—health, education, climate justice—to drive systemic change.

What makes you unique?

- ❑ Fearless advocate tackling gender, racial, and economic inequalities.
- ❑ Bridge activism with spiritual healing, addressing unseen forces of oppression.
- ❑ Multi-lingual communicator breaking barriers in diverse communities.
- ❑ A visionary with the ambition to be **South Africa's first female president**.



What drives you?

Vision

- ☐ A South Africa free from violence, sexism, racism, and classism.
- ☐ A world where women and marginalized communities thrive.
- ☐ Systemic change that dismantles harmful cultural and social norms.
- ☐ A leadership model that centres justice, equality, and grassroots empowerment.

Objectives

- ☐ Train and empower GBV survivors with legal and economic tools.
- ☐ Challenge harmful traditional practices and gender norms.
- ☐ Advocate for policies protecting women and marginalized groups.
- ☐ Expand community-driven initiatives nationwide.

Your commitment to gender equality

- ☐ Implementing paralegal training to strengthen women's legal power.
- ☐ Using storytelling and digital media to fight backlash against women's rights.
- ☐ Collaborating with policymakers and funders for systemic change.
- ☐ Creating safe spaces for women to heal, learn, and lead.



What do you do?

Describe the nature of the work the Driver of change does.

- ☐ Community-based interventions that challenge violence and oppression.
- ☐ Policy advocacy to influence systemic change.
- ☐ Digital activism through blogging and storytelling.
- ☐ Leadership in training and mobilizing women at the grassroots level.



Change at the individual level

What changes are anticipated in this person's life?

- ☐ Increased visibility and support to scale activism.
- ☐ Stronger policy influence in gender equality advocacy.
- ☐ Expanded networks and partnerships with global change-makers.
- ☐ Access to resources to implement larger-scale community programs.

What skills, knowledge, values, and attitudes is the beneficiary expected to gain through working with GL?

- ☐ Advanced advocacy and policy engagement strategies.
- ☐ Leadership development and movement-building techniques.
- ☐ Deeper understanding of gender justice frameworks.
- ☐ Strategic networking with activists, funders, and policymakers.

Who else is expected to contribute to these changes?

- ☐ Community leaders – shifting mindsets at local levels.
- ☐ Legal and policy experts – supporting advocacy efforts.
- ☐ Survivors and activists – leading grassroots movements.
- ☐ Funders & international partners – enabling project scalability.



Achievements at community level

What will be your greatest achievements at the community level?

- ☐ Transforming GBV survivors into legal advocates.
- ☐ Breaking barriers in male-dominated spaces.
- ☐ Shaping young leaders who will continue the fight for equality.

How do you anticipate changes in one person's life will influence others?

- ☐ Empowered women empower others, creating a ripple effect.
- ☐ Paralegal-trained survivors provide support to countless women.
- ☐ Breaking social norms encourages collective action.
- ☐ Inspiring future leaders to challenge oppression.

What innovations do you expect this person to bring to their learning?

- ☐ Merging spiritual healing and activism to address deeper injustices.
- ☐ Digital storytelling to give marginalized voices a platform.
- ☐ Community-based paralegal training as a grassroots justice model.
- ☐ Intersectional activism linking gender, climate, and economic justice.



Achievements at societal level

How will this person's actions influence laws, policies, and/or practices?

- ☐ **Advocating for stronger GBV policies and legal reforms.**
- ☐ Pushing for more funding for women-led initiatives.
- ☐ Bringing grassroots perspectives into policymaking.
- ☐ Challenging harmful cultural and legal practices.

How will this person create new knowledge, and how will it be fed back to GL?

- ☐ Documenting grassroots case studies to inform national advocacy.
- ☐ Using blogging and digital platforms to share insights.
- ☐ Developing scalable models for gender justice initiatives.
- ☐ Contributing to policy research and community-based solutions.



GBV perpetrators continue to receive bail, despite the anti-GBVF amendment bill sig...



Leadership qualities

What leadership qualities will enable you to make the changes you plan to make?

- ☐ Fearlessness – standing up against injustice.
- ☐ Empathy – deeply connected to the struggles of communities.
- ☐ Resilience – turning pain into power.
- ☐ Visionary thinking – creating long-term, transformative solutions

How do you anticipate your leadership skills will impact at the individual, community, and policy levels?

- ☐ Individual: Empowering survivors to reclaim their lives.
- ☐ Community: Strengthening grassroots activism networks.
- ☐ Policy: Influencing systemic changes to protect women.
- ☐ National: Paving the way for women in political leadership.



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Founder of [@TheGreatPeople2](#) Zintle Khobeni chats about her women-led non profit organisation, that operates as a Paralegal Advice Centre, advocating for gender equality, women & girl's rights, the rights of the LGBTQI+ community & people living with disabilities.
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Contribution to gender equality

How do you plan to contribute to gender equality in your locality?

- ☐ Expanding The Great People of South Africa's impact. (National & Regional)
- ☐ Strengthening policy engagement and advocacy efforts.
- ☐ Training and mobilizing the next generation of women leaders.
- ☐ Building safe spaces for survivors to heal and transform.



Next steps

What are your future plans?

- ☐ Becoming South Africa's first female president.
- ☐ Scaling up legal, economic, and leadership programs for women.
- ☐ Expanding regional and global partnerships in gender justice.
- ☐ Institutionalizing grassroots leadership models for long-term change.

