

WILD SHOTS Outreach

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Wild Shots Outreach Newsletter – December 2023

As the end of the year fast approaches, it is timely to reflect on Wild Shots Outreach's achievements during 2023. We've delivered 26 courses for 229 young people, including new programmes in Kenya and Namibia, plus our 3rd year in Botswana. Our core work continues in the Greater Kruger Area, delivering workshops plus game drives for school students and unemployed youth. In addition, WSO is supporting 29 young people in accessing training, further studies & employment through our Bursary Fund.



Rifumo Mathebula leading the event at Ludlow



BBC Wildlife Magazine feature



Melody Mnisi leading a game drive at Koru Camp

Assessing the impact of WSO

At a packed event in Ludlow, Dr Stephanie-Emmie Klarmann from the University of Johannesburg, presented the findings of her three-year PhD research project, evaluating the impact of Wild Shots Outreach in local communities "*Conservation, education and capacity building through photography*". See [link](#) for research summary. Programme Director Rifumo Mathebula also introduced some of the WSO bursary students who spoke about their ongoing successes and achievements to the assembled audience.

BBC Wildlife Magazine

We were thrilled Wild Shots Outreach was featured in the September edition of BBC Wildlife Magazine. Click on [link](#) to see full article. The article shone a spotlight on the photographic portfolios and onward journeys of some of our Bursary students.

Inspiring the next generation

Melody Mnisi is Wild Shots Outreach's third female graduate to qualify as a FGASA safari and nature guide, thanks to the Bursary Fund. She's now working at [Koru Camp](#), guiding groups of young people from the local communities - inspiring the next generation of South African conservationists.

Melody says:

"I could never have imagined this is how my life would turn out. Now it's my dream to introduce young people to nature and inspire young African women like me to believe anything is possible..."

Other activities this year included a life skills workshop on continuing professional and personal development for 30 WSO's young job seekers. A huge thank you to all our sponsors and supporters for making WSO's work possible. If you can help with financial support, donation of second-hand camera gear or laptops, or offers of work experience, please contact: Mike Kendrick / +27 (0)722 813 157 / mike@wildshotsoutreach.org