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YOUTH LEADERSHIP IN PARLIAMENT

# NEXT GENERATION LEADERS

## THE GAUTENG LEGISLATURE EMBRACES THE FUTURE THROUGH THE VOICES OF YOUNG ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

In recent years, the Gauteng Legislature has seen a notable growth in the election of young public representatives, particularly those aged 35 and younger.

This new generation of leaders brings fresh perspectives and innovative ideas to the formulation of legislation and public policy in Gauteng, reflecting the diverse needs of a rapidly evolving society. They are the voice of the younger demographic and largely represent issues that resonate with the youth of Gauteng, which include, among others, education reforms, economic inclusivity, job creation, environmental sustainability, and digital transformation.

Many of these young leaders have backgrounds in activism and grassroots movements, equipping them with a unique understanding of the challenges faced by marginalised populations. By engaging actively with their constituents and leveraging social media platforms, they are fostering transparency and accountability while advocating for policies that benefit their communities. Their presence in the legislature not only energises discussions around governance but also challenges traditional norms and practices within the political arena.

As these young leaders navigate the complexities of legislative processes, they are increasingly collaborating across party lines, through the different Portfolio Committees in which they serve, to champion inclusive policies and effective service delivery. The impact of their contributions extends beyond mere legislation; they are redefining political engagement for younger generations and inspiring a more participatory democracy in Gauteng.



**Hon Moipone Mhlongo**  
African National Congress (ANC)

From her early days as President of the Representative Council of Learners (RCL) at Vezikhono Secondary School, Honourable Mhlongo has dedicated her life to uplifting society. Since then, she has held numerous leadership roles, including SASCO's Deputy Chairperson & Chairperson, district committee member of the Young Communist League of South Africa (YCLSA), and SASCO Secretary General.

In 2019, she was sworn in as a PR Councillor in the City of Ekurhuleni and in 2022 as a Deputy Regional Secretary of the ANC in Ekurhuleni, making her the youngest leader in the ANC at that time. She currently serves as a member of the Gauteng Legislature and chairs the Portfolio Committee for Education.

She is doing a BA Honours in Developmental Studies, and has a BA Politics, Philosophy & Economics from UJ.

**Current Committee Member of:** The Petitions Standing Committee, Transport and Logistics Portfolio Committee and Chairperson of the Education Portfolio Committee.



**Hon Vuyiswa Jentile**  
African National Congress (ANC)

Honourable Jentile's political activism is rooted in student, youth, and civil society movements.

She has fulfilled many leadership roles, including SASCO Gauteng's first female Chairperson, Deputy Convener of the Gauteng ANCYL PTT, and is the incumbent Spokesperson and Regional Executive Committee member of the ANC Women's League, to name but a few.

After the 2024 general elections, she was elected as an MPL in the Gauteng Legislature and serves as the Chairperson of the Standing Committee on Petitions.

She holds an Honours Degree in Financial Management and a Certificate in Business Administration from Regent Business School, a BTech Diploma in Cost & Management Accounting from VUT, and a Diploma in Project Management from the North-West University.

**Current Committee Member of:** The Rules Standing Committee, Human Settlements, e-Gov & Research Development Portfolio Committees and Chairperson of the Petitions Standing Committee.



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**Hon Ntsako Mogobe**  
African National Congress (ANC)

Honourable Ntsako Mogobe is a passionate advocate for youth development and a seasoned political leader, currently serving as the Deputy Chief Whip in the Gauteng Legislature. He also plays a significant role as the Chairperson of the ANC Youth League in Gauteng. His leadership journey spans over a decade. He has championed youth empowerment, aiming to create opportunities for future generations through his political and community roles.

He has served as a Secretary of the Young Communist League – Soshanguve Central Branch, Elections Coordinator for Soshanguve Ward 89 ANC Branch, and Convener of the Provincial Congress Preparatory Committee for Gauteng ANCYL, to name but a few roles. He once served as Technical Advisor to the MEC at the Department of Sports, Arts, Culture & Recreation, and the MEC for Social Development.

**Current Committee Member of:** Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation (CSSL), Finance and Co-Operative Governance, Traditional Affairs Portfolio Committees.



**Hon Ruhan Robinson**  
Democratic Alliance (DA)

Honourable Ruhan Robinson joined the DA Student Organisation in 2009, after which he went on to become a Councillor in 2014.

He served as a Councillor for eight years before joining the Gauteng Legislature in 2022. From 2014 to 2016 he served as PR Councillor in the City of Ekurhuleni, and held the position of Ward Councillor in the City of Ekurhuleni from 2016 to 2021, after which he became the Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Corporate and Shared Services in the City of Ekurhuleni from 2021 to 2022.

He has a B.Com LLB from the University of Pretoria and is currently doing an MBA at Wits Business School.

In his words, the highlight of his political career has been “the many opportunities to assist people when they most need it.

**Current Committee Member of:** Standing Committee on Public Accounts (SCOPA) and Finance Portfolio Committee.



**Hon Khathutshelo Rasilingwane**  
Democratic Alliance (DA)

Honourable Rasilingwane started off as a community activist and was later elected as Ward 92 Branch Youth Chairperson, where she was instrumental in campaigns focused on addressing youth issues. In 2015, she served as the Bronberg Constituency Secretary. In that same year, she was chosen as a candidate for the Ward 2 Councillor position. She was subsequently elected as a PR Councillor for the City of Ekurhuleni, where she served as the Shadow MMC for Health & Social Development.

In 2017, she was elected as the Gauteng DA's Deputy Chairperson in the Recruitment & Campaigns portfolio.

In 2021, she was elected as a Councillor during the local government election. She also served as the Peter Molapo Constituency Chairperson. In 2022, she served as the MMC for Community Safety in Ekurhuleni.

**Current Committee Member of:** Co-Operative Governance, Traditional Affairs (COGTA) and Infrastructure Development Portfolio Committees.



**Hon Frans Ngobeni**  
Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Born in 1990, Honourable Ngobeni became actively involved in politics in 2011 as a member of the Pan African Student Movement of Azania (PASMA) at the Tshwane University of Technology, subsequently serving as a member of the Branch Executive Team in 2012.

He joined the EFF in 2014 and became the branch coordinator, helping the party contest the imminent SRC elections. He actively participated in the #FeesMustFall Movement and went on to lead the #OutsourcingMustFall.

In 2015 he became the branch secretary of the EFF Student Command and the branch chairperson in 2016.

In 2017, he was elected as the inaugural provincial chairperson of the Gauteng EFF Students Command.

He holds a National Diploma and B-Tech in Cost & Management Accounting from the Tshwane University of Technology.

**Current Committee Member of:** Education Committee and Economic Development Portfolio.





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## Hon Noliqwa Semahla

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Honourable Semahla's first involvement in politics was at the age of 19.

In 2013, she served as a WCT member responsible for media and communications at Ward 49 in Katlehong.

She was later elected as the branch secretary and as the SRC secretary of Ekurhuleni West TVET College.

In 2021 she was elected to serve in the Economic Freedom Fighters' (EFF) regional structures. She has also previously worked as a secretary to the EFF Caucus in Ekurhuleni. She is involved in various projects that aim to empower Women and volunteers in NGOs that drive awareness against GBV and alcohol/substance abuse.

She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration management and an N6 qualification in human resource management.

**Current Committee Member of:** The Social Development and e-Government & Research Development Portfolio Committees.



## Hon Koketso Poho

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Born in 1994 in Soweto, Honourable Koketso Mogale Poho has established himself as a dynamic leader and community advocate.

His political journey began during his first year at Wits University in 2014, where his passion for social justice and transformation took root. In 2015, he played a pivotal role in the Fees Must Fall campaign. That same year, he was elected as the EFF Student Command Chairperson at Wits, a position he held until 2018, demonstrating strong leadership and a commitment to student activism.

In 2021, he was elected as an Additional Member of the Johannesburg Regional Command Team and as the Acting Johannesburg Regional Secretary. He is also involved in community and youth development and gives academic support and tutorials to high school learners.

**Current Committee Member of:** Health & Wellness Portfolio Committee and Standing Committee on Scrutiny of Subordinate Legislation (CSSL).



## Hon Philip Makwala

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Honourable Makwala's first role in the EFF was as the Branch Organizer in 2014. He was later elected to the Branch Command Team (BCT) of Ward 68 and subsequently appointed to the office of the EFF Gauteng Provincial Secretary, serving as Mobilization, Campaign Officer, and Voter Registration Manager for Tshwane and the rest of Gauteng.

In 2022, he was elected to the Gauteng Provincial Command Team (PCT), where he led the voter registration portfolio and new member mobilisation in Gauteng. In January 2023 he led the Gauteng EFF's School Readiness Programme to ensure successful learner registration at various schools. In 2023, he was deployed to the Gauteng Legislature (GPL) as an MPL.

He has an Electrical Engineering qualification from Tshwane South College and a Labour Law Diploma from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

**Current Committee Member of:** The Rules Standing Committee, Finance Portfolio Committee and OCPOL Standing Committee.



## Hon Tshepo Seteka

Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF)

Born in 1998, Honourable Seteka joined the Economic Freedom Fighters (EFF) in 2023, inspired by the organization's mission to champion economic freedom for all South Africans.

In 2016, she was elected as Branch Treasurer, and as Branch Secretary in 2019. Tshepo's commitment and unwavering dedication were further recognised in 2021 when she was elected as an Additional Member of the Johannesburg Regional Command Team.

Beyond her political roles, Hon. Seteka is deeply involved in her community, focusing on supporting underprivileged children who face the challenges of poverty and illness.

A firm believer in the power of personal agency, she lives by the motto, *"Life is your story, make it a bestseller"*.

**Current Committee Member of:** Standing Committee on Petitions and Sports, Arts, Culture & Recreation (SACR).