

Biography

Anthea Chantol Thyssen-Ambursley



Anthea Thyssen-Ambursley was born in Oudtshoorn, matriculated in George and pursued her Tertiary qualification in Business Management from Oudtshoorn Technical college in 1996. Anthea's career stems from working only for the Top 100 companies in her past. Wits University a leading university in SA, IBM a leading IT company, Deloitte and Touche a leading accounting firm and Investec Bank a leading private bank.

Anthea became the 1st black female franchisee for the Just Letting Group in 2006. She moved on in 2008 into the tourism, logistics, training and hospitality industry for 11 years. She immigrated to the UK in 2015 and return in December 2017 to focus on children through storytelling and entrepreneurship.

On her return in 2017, AfriCAN child your child is now Pty Ltd (ACYTIN) was established. Anthea have been in the Hospitality Industry for 10 years and have hosted guests are her guesthouse in Centurion from over 54 countries.

Her aim is to create a sustainable, more valuable and impactful contribution to real transformation of inequality in South Africa and Africa. The vision is to unite, transform and reinvent the future of our continent through storytelling and poetry, Ubuntu leadership and social cohesion. Our mission is to preserve the culture of storytelling and poetry to develop literacy.

The "Feed a Mind" Project's objective is to improve literacy on the continent by creating children authors and promoting African representation in stories. Our aim is for 1 million children to see themselves as authors and Ubuntu leaders. For every child on the African continent to read and see themselves in books.

As a mother of a 8-year old son, Anthea's desire is to change the landscape for our future generation, our children which are currently been neglected by our government leaders. Please see below more information on Anthea's achievements over the years.

History

AfriCAN child your time is now Pty Ltd	Founder	Jan 2018 – Present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The founder of AfriCAN child leaders • The founder of AfriCAN Women • The founder of AfriCAN Men • The founder of AfriCAN Servants • The founder of the AfriCAN Author's Awards • The founder of Feed A Mind TV • Anthea a shareholder in the 1st Black owned women bank – YWBN Mutual Bank to be called Nthabeleng Likotsi Bank
Anthea Thyssen Africa Pty Ltd	Founder	Jan 2019 – present	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Coaching • Inspirational Speaking • Ubuntu Leadership Training
		June 2016 – Dec 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living in the UK • Studied Early Childhood Development for the Year
Anansi Business Enterprises	Co-Owner	March 2007 – August 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business administration • Management administration • Business advising and consulting • Business advising operations • SMME new venture creation for guest house and catering company • Project management and support of training and consultancy projects • Marketing • Human resources, including employee recruitment, skills development, payroll administration • Organisational skills development administration • Organisational training and development planning • NQF outcomes-based education and training • Management of Anansi Heights boutique guest house • Management of Anansi Catering, including food and beverage management of Independent Electoral Commission, Alcatel Lucent and M&T corporate canteens, and the African Development Bank • Management of Tshwane University of Technology, Capsicum Culinary School, Proserv, Centurion Academy, and Sedibeng College learner work placements

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ✓ 2009 – Northern Region Kickstart Award, South Africa Brewery (SAB)
- ✓ 2009 – Business Launch Pad Award, FNB, SEDA and the Enablis Entrepreneurial Network
- ✓ 2010 – Regional Business Achiever’s Award, Business Women’s Association of South Africa
- ✓ 2011 – Business Woman of the Year, SA Council for Business Women
- ✓ 2012 – Entrepreneur of the Year Award Finalist, Sanlam and Business Partners
- ✓ 2014 – Beneficiary, Transcend Advisory and Corporate Advisors Supplier Development Programme
- ✓ 2014 – Beneficiary, Hope Factory Enterprise and Supplier Development Programme
- ✓ 2014 – Finalist for Margaret Hirsch Business Women of the Year Competition
- ✓ 2015 – Semi finalist – Africa’s Most Influential Women in Business and Government
- ✓ 2015 – Nominee for the African Achievers Awards
- ✓ 2016 – Selected as a Lioness of Africa
- ✓ 2016 – Semi-finalist for Mrs South Africa 2016
- ✓ 2018 – Became the 1 host of the Annual AfriCAN Authors Awards in SA and on the continent
- ✓ 2018 – Top 100 Difference Makers SA
- ✓ 2019 – Mentor on The Mentorship Challenge programme
- ✓ 2019 – ACYTIN’s work have been published in various newspapers and social media mediums

Just Letting	Franchisee	June 2004 – March 2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee skills development • Organisational training and development planning • Property and real estate management • SMME new venture creation of estate agency company • Marketing
Investec Bank	Internal Consultant	Feb 2003 – May 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational training and development planning • Marketing • Banking administration
Deloitte and Touche	Project Assistant	Feb 2002 – Jan 2003	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational skills development administration • Office administration • Marketing
IBM	Team Assistant	June 1998 – Jan 2002	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational training and development planning • Marketing • Banking administration
Wits University	Course Administrator	Jan 1997 – Dec 1997	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational training and development planning and administration • Course administration

