

MEET OUR GUEST SPEAKER

LIESL EKSTEEN

Liesl is currently an Executive Consultant with The Riverbend Group where she uses her business acumen together with her expertise in people dynamics to equip organisations that want to become greater. Liesl has more than sixteen years of Leadership flight hours in her career logbook and therefore has an excellent grasp of the challenges facing leadership in big corporates today.

She has been quoted as saying: "I love doing meaningful work. Addressing important problems previously ignored is something that multiplies my Happiness factor".

What did she do before joining the Riverbend Group?

Prior to joining the Riverbend Group, Liesl enjoyed nineteen years in the financial services and insurance industries. Her career evolved from its original days in Legal Advising to Executive leadership roles in Human Capital development in the heart of Johannesburg.

Throughout her career, Liesl has been recognized as a self-motivated leader with a proven ability to elevate engagement in teams. Liesl has always looked for ways to improve the status quo. She had the title of Head of Human Capital for two divisions at First National Bank, but preferred the informal job description of "the people's person".

She often found herself in roles where she is the trusted council driving different transformation initiatives.

Where did she study?

Liesl holds a Bachelor of Commerce and LLB from the University of Stellenbosch. Liesl loves to add to her qualifications. You will find a range of interesting diploma's in her cupboard from Accounting to Executive Leadership, and most recently her apprenticeship in Narrative practices.

What does she do other than work?

Liesl relates and stands her own ground equally well from the highest corporate C-level interaction to mobilising a kitchen full of seven-year-olds for a cupcake challenge.

When not consulting, she loves spending time in the bush with her family or being adventurous with a new recipe in the kitchen. Her shelves are filled with books and she enjoys her studies in the field of Narrative counseling. Liesl is part of Kehillah, a ministry that facilitates Silent Retreats for Women, and serves on the HR sub-committee of an NGO Board.