

# Eduvos IT students shine at MTN NextGen Women in Stem programme

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Eight exceptional female IT students from Eduvos, South Africa's [leading private higher education institution](#), have made a powerful impact at the prestigious MTN NextGen Women in Stem programme. Not only did they participate in this transformative initiative, but one of the Eduvos teams, InnovateHer, emerged as a co-winner of the programme's final challenge, showcasing the ingenuity and talent of Eduvos's IT faculty.



The MTN NextGen Women in Stem programme is a bespoke 40-hour experience designed to empower final-year female students in Stem fields. Through masterclasses led by MTN executives, industry leaders, and experts, the programme bridges the gap between academic theory and real-world application. Eduvos's commitment to providing a curriculum that keeps pace with industry demands positioned its students for success in this dynamic environment.

Team InnovateHER, comprised of Jailyann Philander (Mowbray), Anele Philile Zamaphemba Ntuli (Durban), Jenna Jamie Roman (Mowbray), and Prisca Mulishi (Mowbray), rose to the top, sharing the co-championship title with their innovative project. The team were tasked with planning, deploying, and launching a cellular network in a rural area with no existing site infrastructure and limited grid availability.

"We are incredibly proud of our students for their outstanding performance in the MTN NextGen Women in Stem programme," said Cheryl Smith, head of student support and student affairs at Eduvos. "Their participation and Team InnovateHer's win not only highlight their talents but also underscores the relevant skills they have gained from our Information Technology faculty, ensuring their work readiness."

Women remain significantly underrepresented in Stem globally, accounting for just [29.2% of all Stem workers](#) despite constituting nearly half of the workforce in non-Stem occupations. Programmes like the MTN NextGen Women in Stem play a crucial role in closing this gap by providing valuable skills, mentorship, and networking opportunities for aspiring female technologists.

Eduvos's [IT faculty](#) is renowned for its dedication to nurturing future tech leaders. The institution's qualifications are constantly updated to reflect the evolving needs of the industry. IT Vossies gain the knowledge and expertise to thrive in the dynamic world of technology. Eduvos IT qualifications are [endorsed](#) by various industry bodies, including the AWS Academy and the South African Artificial Intelligence Association.

Prospective students seeking to embark on their own IT journey can still [enrol](#) at Eduvos for 2024. By joining Eduvos's vibrant community, they will gain access to world-class faculties, cutting-edge technology, and opportunities like the MTN NextGen Women in Stem programme, setting themselves on a path to success in the ever-evolving tech landscape.

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