



Conray Marcus

FOUNDER & CEO

Conray Wilbur Marcus Youth Development



PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Conray Marcus is the Founder and CEO of Conray Wilbur Marcus Youth Development, a Western Cape-based non-profit patroned by Dr. Imtiaz Sooliman, founder of Gift of the Givers — South Africa's largest disaster response and humanitarian organisation.

Conray founded the organisation to close the gap between young people's potential and their access to opportunity, connecting Grade 11 and 12 learners — as well as out-of-school and unemployed youth — with the career guidance, bursary information and mentorship they need to plan a path toward further study or employment.

Through large-scale Career Exhibitions bringing together universities, colleges, banks, government departments and corporates, and smaller, ongoing Career Clubs run by professional mentors, Conray has built a growing network of partnerships across the education, government and private sectors — helping young people think positively and plan for success.

Vision

To create self-reliant, positive, goal-oriented and productive youth who contribute meaningfully to society and the economy.

Mission

To engage Grade 11 & 12 learners and unemployed youth with career guidance, bursary information and mentorship — building partnerships with schools, government and institutions.

PROGRAMMES

Career Exhibitions

Large-scale exhibitions connecting Grade 11 & 12 learners with universities, colleges, banks, government departments and corporates under one roof.

Career Clubs

Smaller, ongoing career-focused groups selected from exhibition attendees and mentored by working professionals — supporting bursary applications, CVs and interview preparation.

PARTNER NETWORK

Universities & colleges: UCT, Stellenbosch University, UWC, CPUT, Rosebank College, Northlink College and False Bay College.

Government & institutions: NSFAS, SARS, SANLAM, Nedbank, Regent Business School, Africa Unite and City of Cape Town departments — including Education, Fire & Rescue and Jobs Connect.

CORE FOCUS AREAS

- Youth Development & Mentorship
- Career Guidance & Bursary Support
- Strategic Partnerships
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement
- Programme Design & Delivery
- Leadership & Team Building

KEY FACTS

PATRON

Dr. Imtiaz Sooliman, Gift of the Givers

PRIMARY AUDIENCE

Grade 11 & 12 learners

SECONDARY AUDIENCE

Out-of-school & unemployed youth, Western Cape

REGION

Western Cape, South Africa

ACHIEVEMENTS

2023

National Youth Development Award — recognised by a provincial Department of Education.

2022–2024

100% matric pass rate across the mentorship programme, three years running.

2024

50+ corporate and school partners across the Western Cape.