



ZACKEEN THOMAS

Zackeen is a young, colored, gay, male who grew up in a previously disadvantaged and predominately colored community called Belhar, in Cape Town, South Africa. Despite facing various socio-economic challenges, his mother and

grandmother ensured that he was exposed to spaces that ensured his growth as an individual. As a result, he participated in drama class, competitive ballroom, and Latin dancing. He considers himself an individual who is ambitious, resilient, and hardworking. His passion is to bring about a meaningful contribution in the development of his community, city, country and the world - through academia (producing knowledge), being physically active on the ground through community projects, and hopefully occupying a role as a researcher at any non-profit organization or governmental institution that focuses on sustainable urban water governance. He is currently a Masters Candidate in Political Science at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) and a Research Assistant for the Political Science Department at UWC. Additionally, he serves as a mentor at the Allan Gray Orbis Foundation and volunteers at Steph's Ladles of Love.