

Vinny Lingham

Co-founder & CEO at gyft

San Francisco Bay Area, CA, US

Silicon Valley based Technology Entrepreneur

Biography

Internet Entrepreneur focuses on Mobile, Online Marketing, Cloud services & SaaS (Software-as-a-Services).

Selected as an Endeavor Entrepreneur (Endeavor.org) and Young Global Leader (World Economic Forum), Vinny is one of the most recognized technology entrepreneurs to ever emerge from Africa and has successfully raised over \$50m in venture capital funding for his various companies over the years.

He has built a string of highly successful technology businesses and has received international acclaim for his efforts in creating "The Silicon Cape", which is a non-profit organization based in Cape Town, with aims to create a high tech hub in South Africa.

Vinny's passion is Internet startups and Entrepreneurship in general, and he often keynotes and speaks about his experiences as an entrepreneur to crowds of people who want to hear from someone who took the road less travelled...

He is also an "Angel" investor in his own right and has backed a number of entrepreneurs to begin and build their own businesses.

Availability

Keynote, Moderator, Panelist, Workshop, Host/MC, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

Industry Expertise

Internet, Consumer Services, Social Media

Areas of Expertise

Entrepreneurship, Small Business, Startups, Freemium, Mobile

Affiliations

Mensa, Alliance of CEO's, World Economic Forum, Young Global Leader, Endeavor

Sample Talks

Emerging Market Entrepreneurship

Emerging markets present a whole range of entrepreneurial obstacles which are non-existent in established markets. Entrepreneurs from the US, UK and other markets often gloss over some of the challenges that emerging market entrepreneurs have, from lack of payment infrastructure, Internet, legal and other operational gaps that exist. Having built companies in both Africa and the USA, Vinny is well established as a speaker in this category.

Event Appearances

What it takes to be a successful affiliate

AffiliateDag

Why PPC search marketing is the most powerful tool to drive online traffic

PPC Classroom Live

Entrepreneurship Keynote

Endeavor Excellerator

Education

Damelin

National Certificate, Project Management (HC Proj M) Project Management

Hudson Park High School

Matric

Gordon Institute of Business Science

Diploma Negotiation

University of Cape Town

Bachelor of Commerce Information Systems

Unisa

Honours E-Commerce

Gordon Institute of Business Science

Diploma Negotiation

Accomplishments

Top Young IT Entrepreneur in Africa

Men's Health - Best Man 2009 Finalist

Horizon Award for Global Vision

Clicks2Customers - awarded by Nasdaq listed ValueClick

Endeavor Entrepreneur

Endeavor.org selected Entrepreneur

Young Global Leader

Selected by the World Economic Forum

Top Technology Company in South Africa

Clicks2Customers

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