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# EESI-BEEP REFLECTION SESSION

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# context

EESI, the Environmental Entrepreneurs Support Initiative of the Global Risk Governance Programme at the University of Cape Town **scouts** for talented and motivated entrepreneurs in the environmental field to **boost** their **impact**.

The initiative has supported environmental entrepreneurs across three categories:

**Professionals**  
**Young Professionals**  
**Emerging Leaders**

To date, the initiative has supported over 50 entrepreneurs.



EESI is boosted by the vision and support of the Mauerberger Foundation.

# the partnership

BEEP - Beyond Expectation Environmental Project is a grassroots organisation founded in 2005 seeking to (re)connect youth from previously disadvantaged backgrounds with nature. The project utilises the environment as a launching pad to tackle the many challenges (including social issues) that the urban youth in Cape Town face.

In 2016, BEEP and EESI cemented their partnership by boosting the mentoring capacity for 40 young BEEP mentors.



# the emerging leaders



The 40 young BEEP mentors hail from township-based schools in Cape Town, ranging in age from 15-18.

In their role as a BEEP mentor, they are enlisted to take up responsibilities within the organisation: from facilitating environmental workshops to taking younger members on overnight hikes to Table Mountain.

To boost their capacity as mentors, the partnership with EESI targetted the mentors' development through tutoring and peer-to-peer sessions, together with creating a safe digital learning environment at the BEEP premises.

# reflection

On the 20th October, the EESI team gathered with the 40 BEEP mentors at the University of Cape Town to take a look back at the year. It was an opportunity to gather the learnings from the experience and to celebrate the achievements of the mentors.

The group were welcomed to the University of Cape Town by Prof Glazewski and Prof Shearing from the Law Faculty.



# reflection: environmental leader

What does an environmental leader do?

conservative  
knowledge  
cooperate  
protect  
guides  
lead  
example  
awareness  
environment  
raises  
facilitate  
solutions  
charge  
shares  
alert  
aware



# reflection: good leader

What does it take to be a good leader?

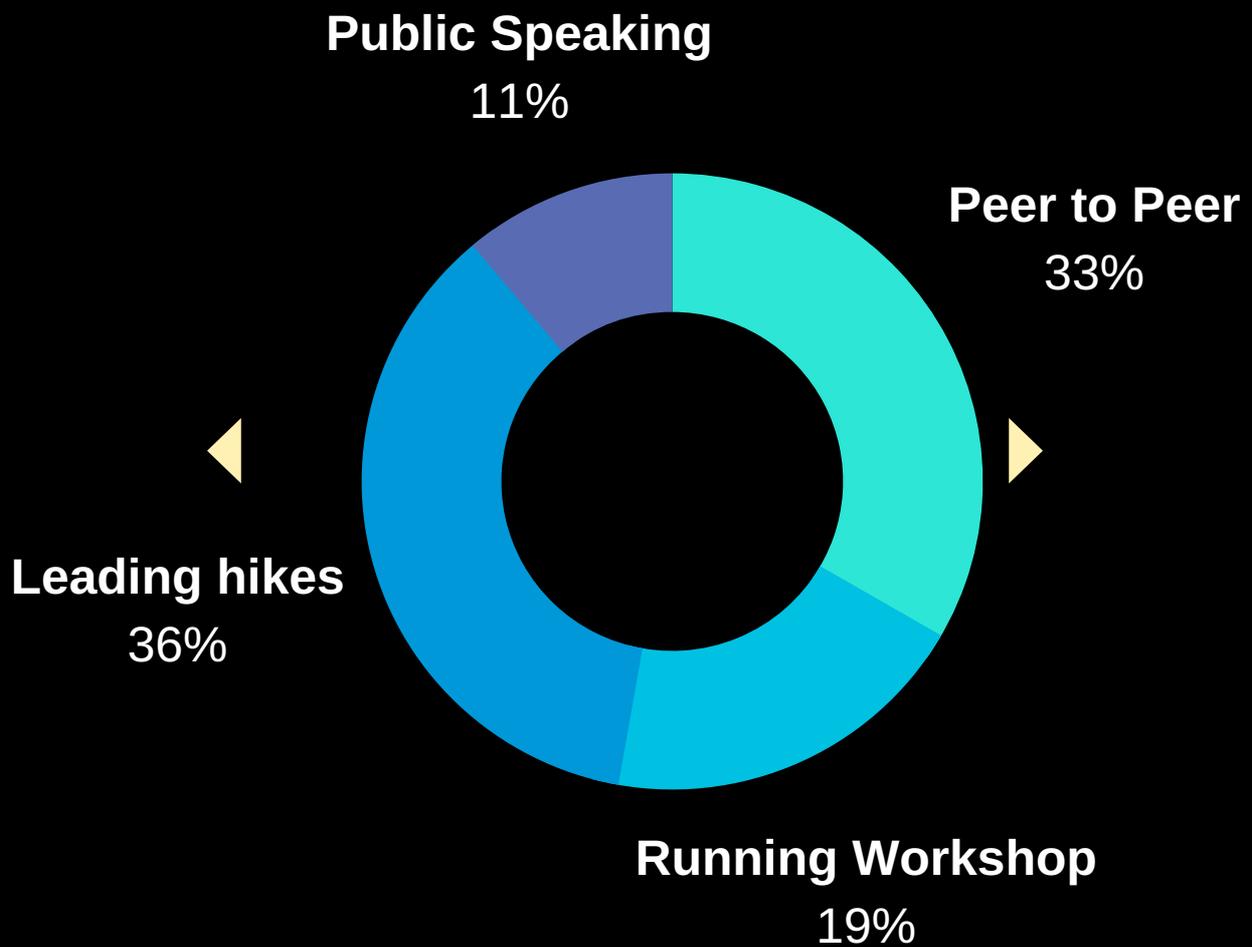


# reflection: role of mentor

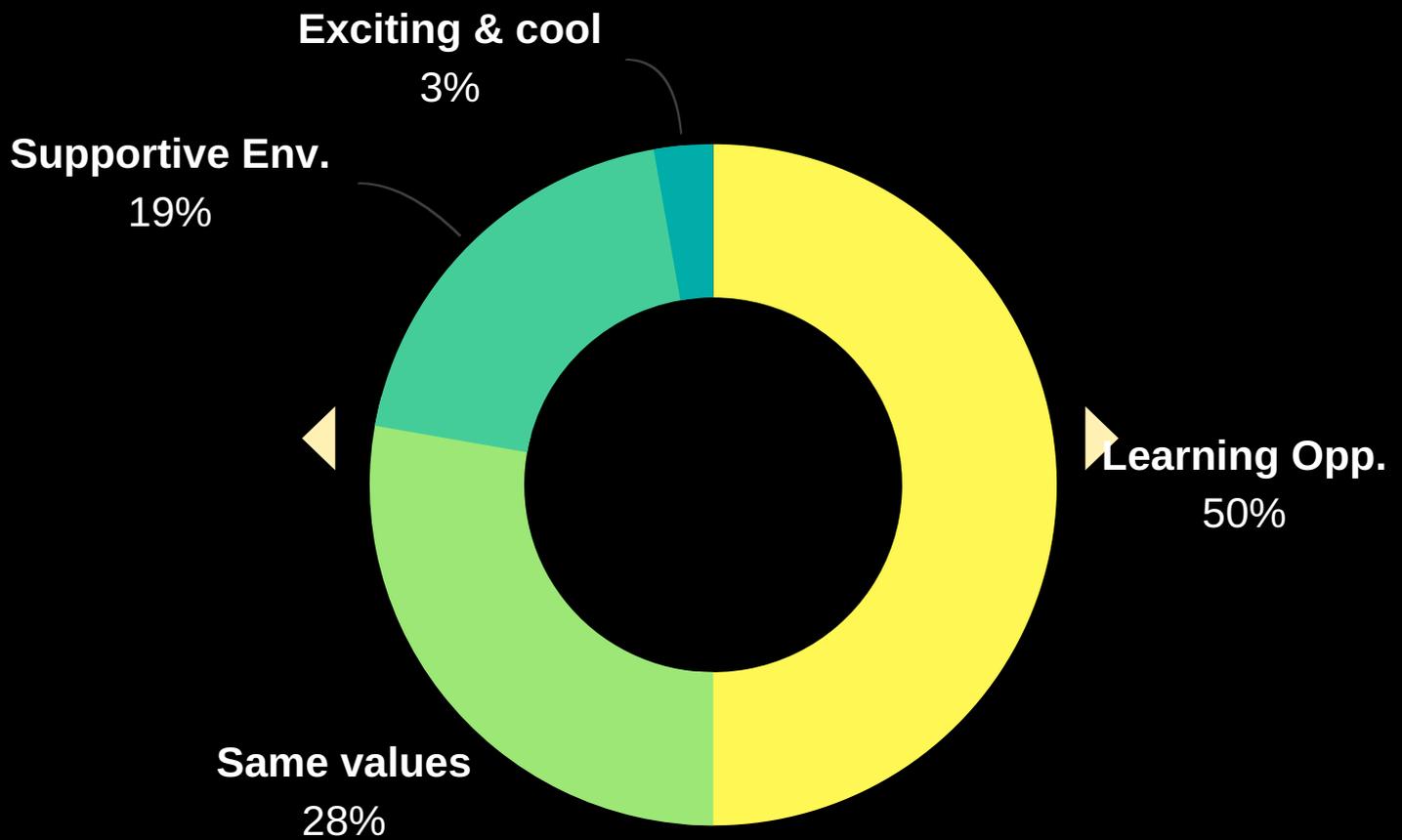
What is key to being a good mentor?



# most valuable: development



# most valuable experience



# giving thanks

In closing, the mentors were acknowledged for their commitment to the initiative with an EESI tshirt and certificate.

