

## Shirwyn Weber

### Biography

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Shirwyn Weber, an award winning Executive Assistant currently works for General Atlantic, a multinational Private Equity Firm in London, having grown up in South Africa, his journey as an assistant started over 16 years ago. With a wide range of skills developed over the years, Shirwyn was the first ever male to receive the title of South African PA of the Year in 2019.

An advocate for the profession and more so for males within the profession, he enjoys being able to assist and share his knowledge with others within the industry. He has started speaking at various engagements on his journey, the ever evolving role of the assistant, diversity and inclusion and many other topics.

In 2018 he became a mentor of the Isipho Admin Committee, a not for profit organisation that assists students in South Africa from a disadvantaged / impoverished background with completing their studies or continuing their education in the Business Administration field. To date Isipho has allowed over 15 disadvantaged students to complete their studies and has assisted some of those to find employment afterwards.

His favourite quote that represents his journey and success as an assistant is - "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together." and believes that as a community of assistants we can change the perception of our roles and get the deserved praise and reward, all we need to do is do it together as a collective.