

## Africa Summer Camp



Over in Johannesburg, Ramy, Associate from our MENA region, shared his week of highlights from our Africa Summer Camp. Read on for more...

Starting off the decade with a bang, what a good start! It is my first ever PiP Summer Camp in Johannesburg – attended by about 180 PiPers who have travelled from all around the world to come learn, network and have fun for an entire week.

The mornings mainly centred around purposeful training workshops and there was always an overarching message that "we are part of something bigger".

Be a part of something bigger



This was never more evident than during the "Door of Hope" workshop. Door of Hope is a charity organisation that saves abandoned babies and aims to find them a safe place through uniting families, adoption or the Door of Hope Village. The founder, Richard Allen, shared several moving and inspiring stories of these amazing kids and their challenges as an organisation. Last year, PiP has worked closely with Door of Hope to help identify solutions that would address the non-for-profit's priorities and concerns, as well as help raise awareness in Johannesburg and South Africa at large. The session at Summer Camp was aimed for us to further build these ideas, where each

team's ideas were shared in a 'Shark Tank' style pitch to help Door of Hope continue to make a real difference.

At nightfall, the PiP Fest begins!

On the last evening at Summer Camp, the PiP Fest gave us an opportunity to relax, have a few drinks, dance and listen to some music by the incredible PiP band into the late hours of the night. It was a really fun night – a big thank you to the PiP band, event organisers and everyone who took part in making this an unforgettable evening.



The MENA crew at PiP Fest

All in all, I have never been to a company retreat like this, and I am glad to be part of this work family. The bar has been set, and I cannot wait for next year's Summer Camp!



See you all next year!