



NEWS LETTER

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RURAL LEARNERS BENEFIT FROM THE CALA CAREERS EXPO 2016

The first Cala Career Expo was a dream come true for the more than 5000 people who attended the two day event on 28 to 29 January 2016.

From the excited and wide-eyed grades 9 to 12 learners who came from 10 high schools in the area to the exhausted but triumphant Local Organising Committee and the iKamvelihle Development Trust (iKDT) volunteers - this was a moment when their vision took its first firm step towards reality.

As part of its founding concerns in 2015 and a long term vision for education and innovation, the iKDT had identified a lack of informed subject choice by learners and inspirational careers guidance in the high schooling system in the rural Chris Hani District and the Sakhisizwe Local Areas.

CAREER EXPO

HELD IN CALA



This annual Expo is a growing partnership between the iKDT and the Eastern Cape Government through the Department of Transport as the main sponsor, the Department of Education, the Chris Hani District Municipality, the Sakhisizwe Local Municipality and the Office of the Premier.

More partners are pledging to come on board to pledge support the next Expo to held on 26 and 27 January 2017 and other complementary development initiatives directed at inspiring the rural youth to achieve higher educational outcomes.

MEC TRANSPORT

Executive Mayor of CHDM and Mayor of Sakhisizwe.

Many other associates and volunteers of the iKDT eagerly joined the ranks and participated as exhibitors from the Higher Education & Training sector (i.e. Universities, TVETs, Mining Technology institutions, Rural Dev & Agrarian Reform department and book publishers) and to the Transportation sector (i.e. TETA, RAF).



Quality interactive sessions with learners in classrooms.

For many of these young people, the Expo was their first real window into the stimulating opportunities open to them in the world of work in South Africa. Inspired and excited by what they had seen, the learners were not only equipped to make good subject choices, but motivated to work with focus and perseverance to reach goals which had now become much clearer in their minds.

The trustees and team at iKDT wishes to sincerely thank the following partners and participants. Without your help and support, the 2016 Careers Expo would still be just a dream...

- The Local Organizing Committee (LOC), the School Management Teams (SMT) that underpinned its work, as well as the School Governing Bodies (SGB) and Mr Matshotyana, the chairperson of the host school - Batandwa Ndongdo Senior Secondary School.
- The Department of Education Circuit Manager, Mrs Nompakamo Danso who played a leading role in the LOC and the District Office in eNgcobo, which made available their officials from the Schools Nutrition Programme, Career Exhibitions and Subject Advisors.
- The Eastern Cape's Department of Transport – from the MEC, the HOD, the Human Resource Development (HRD) Directorate represented by Mrs Linda Bovana and Mrs Nobuko Ngaki, their Security Cluster to the Communications section. The local Taxi Association played an important role in transporting learners to the event in good time on both days.
- The Office of the Premier in the Eastern Cape (OTP) for its cooperation and ensuring that its staff became an integral part of the event.
- The Sakhisizwe Local Municipality Mayor, Councillor Boniswa Ponoshe, the Municipal Manager, officials from the Community Services Department and SAPS cluster command units.
- The Chris Hani District Municipality's Mayor, Municipal Manager, the Disaster Management Department, represented by Mr Sakhele Dywili and the rest of the CHDM team.