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## NEWSLETTER

# Minister Motshekga pleased with first day of reopening of Vuwani schools

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has been monitoring the restoration of education services in the Vuwani area and is pleased with the attendance at the relevant schools. Learners and teachers showed their dedication to education by attending schools in large numbers on 10 August 2016, and begun the tedious process of catching up on lost time. Even in schools that were severely damaged by the fires, learners and teachers did not let the circumstances or lack of resources deter them from their duties.

The Department has begun to deliver resources to the affected schools and additional mobile classrooms will be delivered next week. Government continues to work with the community to ensure that peace and stability is fully restored as the main priority for the DBE is to ensure that our learners' right to basic education is protected.

The Limpopo Provincial Education Department is conducting an assessment to establish the cost of the damage in the area to ensure that an environment that is conducive for learning and teaching is created. The DBE would like to thank all parties who made it possible for schooling to be restored. These include traditional leadership, members of the community, learners and teachers who have displayed incredible dedication to make this possible.



# Damage to schools will not be tolerated

Mugoidwa Secondary School in the Tshivulana Village in Vuwani, Limpopo, was set alight on the evening of 09 August 2016 in an act of vandalism and it is unclear, at this stage, what the cost and extent of the damage to the school is. This is despite an agreement reached that schooling in the area would return to normal on 10 August 2016. This brings the number of schools burnt in the area to 29.

Minister Angie Motshekga reiterated that the malicious destruction of school property will not be tolerated and has called on law enforcement agencies to act swiftly to ensure those responsible are brought to book. "The act of destroying a school is one of the most heinous crimes imaginable. Not only are these criminals damaging state property worth millions of rands that the tax payer will have to fund, but they are holding the lives of these learners to ransom and putting the future of our children in jeopardy," said Minister Motshekga and called on the community to help protect the schools at all cost.

## Minister Motshekga visits Kenneth Kaunda Education District in the North West

Minister Angie Motshekga visited the Kenneth Kaunda Education district in the North West Province on 10 August 2016. Minister Motshekga started her visit at Matlosana Secondary School in the Matlosana township in Klerksdorp to congratulate the school for winning in five categories at the 2016 ABC Motsepe Schools Eisteddfod.

Minister Motshekga also visited Nkang-Mahlale Secondary and Ithuseng Primary Schools in the Jouberton township in Matlosana where she engaged and interacted with learners, educators, School Management Teams (SMTs) and School Governing Bodies (SGBs). The minister also visited BA Seobi Secondary School in the Ikageng township in the Tlokwe Municipality where she met with school communities. The Minister was accompanied by the Head of the North West Department of Education, Dr Itumeleng Molale and the Kenneth Kaunda Education District Director, Mr Hasimbhay Motara.



# The 60 Year Commemoration of the 1956 Women's March

## 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary WOMEN'S MONTH 2016

WOMEN UNITED IN MOVING SOUTH AFRICA FORWARD



The DBE will commemorate the 60 year anniversary of the 1956 Women's March in Welkom in the Free State Province on 27 August 2016. The event aims to create a platform for 500 girl learners who are currently involved in leadership structures such as the Representative Council of Learners (RCLs), jamborees and various portfolios such as debate societies and cultural clubs to engage with prominent leaders to share their experiences, and highlight challenges and barriers that hinder their personal development. These leaders will guide and advise learners on the various aspects of life, focussing on the following topics: *the 1956 Women's March: an historical perspective; how communities could support and protect vulnerable children; and the role of the education system in shaping the future of girl learners to contribute effectively towards the socio-economic growth of the country.*

South Africa has been experiencing an alarming increase in discrimination and violence against women and girls as a result of drug and alcohol abuse, poverty, families headed by children, changing family life styles and unemployment. These circumstances also affect their behaviour, attitudes and moral which lead to dropping out from school at an early age. Although opportunities have been offered for women to be part of the economically active population, the majority of women are still marginalised within the economic sphere. Government has, however, set institutional mechanisms in place for gender mainstreaming, safety and wellbeing through institutions such as the Gender Commission and the Equity Court to protect and empower women. As we commemorate the 60 year anniversary of National Women's Day, it is important to share and exchange information on the achieved milestones, plight and atrocities of the past, through intergenerational dialogue between the old and the young generations.

# 2016 National Heritage Education Schools Outreach Programme promotes our African heritage

The 2016 National Heritage Education Outreach Programme (HESOP) and national camp will be taking place from 03 October 2016 to 07 October 2016 in the North West Province. The National Heritage Council (NHC) has, for the past eight years and in partnership with South African National Parks (SANParks) and the DBE, been hosting the Heritage Education Outreach Programme, which is presented in a competition format, from district and provincial levels, to the culmination of the event at a national level.

The NHC is a statutory body under the Department of Arts and Culture. Its mission is to transform, protect and promote South African heritage for sustainable development, focusing more on the Intangible Cultural Heritage. The NHC therefore celebrates heritage by supporting programmes that promote social cohesion, national identity and nation building. The programme also aims to create a vision of a nation proud of its African heritage, inculcate values embedded in the *Freedom Charter* and to educate the learners on the significant role played by the liberation icons.

HESOP continues to be one of the main strategic platforms available where learners engage in experiential learning on the many facets of national heritage. The programme compliments the current curriculum in terms of the Heritage subject area. The programme is open to learners from Grade 8 to Grade 11 as a means to orientate them on the various career paths and potential funders of the different professions and scholarships in heritage programmes.



## Former international dance champion pays a courtesy call to the National Commission for UNESCO



The South African National Commission Secretariat recently received a courtesy call from Ms Tebogo Kgobokoe, founder of the Tebogo Kgobokoe Arts Academy that specialises in dance education, offered to artistically talented students from Grade 00 to Grade 12. The Academy offers dual academic and dance art education which creates endless career and entrepreneurial possibilities for their students. The Academy follows the Cambridge curriculum known for its uncompromising academic standards. Five compulsory dance subjects are offered, both practically and theoretically, creating versatile dancers of a high standard.

Ms Kgobokoe is known for her advocacy in the sustainability of careers and businesses in the Arts, one of the five UNESCO competency fields. Fondly known as *the Dance Queen*, she rose from being a young traditional dancer in the North West Province to a status symbol as an acclaimed world class professional champion, coach, adjudicator and successful business woman in the Arts. For seven consecutive times, she has remained the undefeated South African Professional Ballroom champion, has been an undefeated Latin-American South African champion and a world class professional Latin American

finalist before she retired from competitive dancing. Additionally, she has been trained and has mastered in Lyrical/Disco, Contemporary, Ballet, Traditional Setswana dancing (including singing), Afro-fusion and Spanish dancing.

According to Ms Kgobokoe, the turnover of global cultural industries makes it the fifth-largest economic sector, which comprises of design, the performing arts, dance, film, television, multimedia, cultural heritage, cultural tourism, visual arts, crafts, music and publishing. South Africa is no exception as the cultural and creative industries have great potential to contribute to job creation.

# National Science Week celebrates innovation and sustainable development

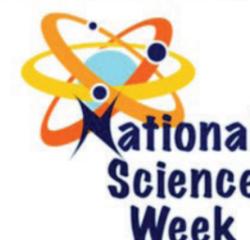


## National Science Week 2016 6-13 August 2016



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National Science Week (NSW), an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), is a countrywide celebration of science involving various stakeholders and role players conducting science-based activities during the week. National Science Week takes place in all nine provinces simultaneously at multiple sites per province. The South African Agency for Science and Technology Advancement (SAASTA) has been appointed by the DST as the implementing agency and play the role of the National Project Manager for the National Science Week.

Each year a different theme is chosen and activities are offered around the theme to the target audiences. The theme for 2016 is: *Science for Sustainable Development and Improved Quality of Life*. The hashtag for National Science Week is #NSW16 and the Twitter handle @NSW16.

## International Youth Day and the road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production



The theme of the 2016 International Youth Day on 12 August 2016 is: *The Road to 2030: Eradicating Poverty and Achieving Sustainable Consumption and Production*. This year's International Youth Day is about achieving the *2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*. It focuses on the leading role of young people in ensuring poverty eradication and achieving sustainable development through sustainable consumption and production. Sustainable consumption entails the use of products and services that meet the basic needs of communities while safeguarding the needs of future generations. The development and promotion of individual choices and actions that increase the eco-efficiency of consumption of all, and minimise waste and pollution is critical to achieving equitable socio-economic development.

The aim of the annual International Youth Day is to engage youth in global conversations with their local, national, and international leaders. From

workshops to meetings, showcases and performances, communities are called upon to encourage interaction between current leaders. The seed for International Youth Day was planted in August 1998, at a meeting in Lisbon of the World Conference of Ministers Responsible for Youth. This group recommended that a day each year be designated for highlighting the global impact of our youth.

# The 10<sup>th</sup> CPSI Public Sector Innovation Conference 2016

The Centre for Public Service Innovation (CPSI), will host the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Sector Innovation Conference on behalf of the Minister for Public Service and Administration. The conference will take place on 23 and 24 August 2016 in Cape Town. The theme of this year's conference is: *Aligning Innovation and the Service Delivery Value Chain for Sustainable Public Sector Efficiency*. The theme addresses one of the critical aspects of public sector innovation, namely, that it should deliver on the promised value-propositions and have a clear positive impact on service delivery. As our insights into processes improve and as technology develops, new opportunities arise to shorten or improve service delivery value chains. Some services may even become obsolete as new service channels are made possible. The theme therefore encourages public officials to question existing service delivery value chains and challenge themselves to significantly improve these through innovation. Delegates will include decision-makers throughout the three spheres of Government, innovation practitioners, service delivery champions as well as partners from the private, NGO and academic sectors.

Registration is free and interested parties can register at: [www.cpsiregistrations.co.za](http://www.cpsiregistrations.co.za)

# Batho Pele Excellence Awards reward diligent public servants

## DPSA calls for nominations

### The 4th National Batho Pele Excellence Awards 2016

**Closing date:** 31 August 2016

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# Batho Pele

Putting People First



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We Serve

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) launched the first National Batho Pele Excellence Awards in 2013 to intensify efforts towards creating a strong and capable state by rewarding public servants who performed excellently.

These awards recognise public servants who are selfless, dedicated, committed and who walk the extra mile in servicing South African citizens. It further aims to transform and professionalise the public service and improve service delivery by putting into operation the ideas towards building a capable state, as enunciated in the *National Development Plan (NDP)*. The theme for the 2016 4th National Batho Pele Excellence Awards is: *Batho Pele – Putting People First*. Nominations will close on 31 August 2016.

Click on the below link to access the nomination form:

<http://www.dpsa.gov.za/nbpeaEntryform.php>

# Join the *Big Walk* on National Recreation Day



Sport and Recreation South Africa (SRSA) is an affiliate member of The Association for International Sport for All (TAFISA), an international mass participation organisation operating under the auspices of the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee. TAFISA encourages and lobbies countries to walk by creating advocacy and awareness, and in 1999, the organisation resolved that October is declared walking month across the world. A Cabinet Memorandum, which was tabled in December 2014, declared the first Friday of October as National Recreation Day. SRSA has therefore planned various activities and programmes on active recreation to take place across the country throughout the month of October. The highlight is the annual *Big Walk*. The main objectives of the *Big Walk* are to promote healthy lifestyles and physical activity; to promote social cohesion; to enhance co-operation between government departments and all other institutions and stakeholders; and to provide an opportunity for social contact and development.

The *Big Walk* will be taking place on 02 October 2016 at Fountains Valley Resort in Tshwane. Key activities of the day will be as follows:

- *The Big Walk*: 15km, 10km and 5km
- Aerobics and Taebo
- Kiddies entertainment corner
- Exhibitions

Join in the fun and register! Registrations are free of charge and will close on 19 August 2016. Visit: <http://www.thebigwalk.co.za/events/2016-big-walk/> for more information.

Departmental officials can contact the DBE co-ordinators: Mr Bongani Zondi at Tel.: 012 357 3447, Ms Boitumelo Madie at Tel.: 012 357 3380 and Ms Phindile Skhosana at Tel.: 012 257 3213 for additional information.

# Upcoming Events

- 18 August 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Rounds
- 19 August 2016: 2016 Amended Senior Certificate Examination results will be made available to candidates who wrote at schools/registered examination centres in centralised areas
- 20 August 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Gauteng Provincial Rounds
- 22 August 2016: 2016 Amended Senior Certificate Examination results will be made available to candidates who wrote at schools/registered examination centres located in remote areas
- 25 – 26 August 2016: Minister meets with District Directors in Pretoria, Gauteng Province
- 27 August 2016: DBE to commemorate the 60 year anniversary of the 1956 Women's March in Welkom in the Free State
- 31 August 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Eastern Cape Provincial Rounds
- 01 – 22 September 2016: The Provincial Rounds of the Sixth National School Moot Court Competition
- 03 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Northern Cape Provincial Rounds
- 03 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Western Cape Provincial Rounds
- 08 September 2016: International Literacy Day
- 09 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition Free State Provincial Rounds
- 10 September 2016: The iNkosi Albert Luthuli Competition North West Provincial Rounds
- 24 September 2016: Heritage Day
- October 2016: Teacher Appreciation Month
- 01 – 02 October 2016: iNkosi Albert Luthuli Oral History Programme and Gala Dinner
- 03 – 07 October 2016: Heritage Education Schools Outreach Programme, North West Province
- 04 – 08 October 2016: The Sanlam Kay Motsepe Schools Cup National Championship will be taking place in Johannesburg in the Gauteng Province
- 05 – 08 October 2016: Sixth National School Moot Court Competition
- 05 October 2016: World Teachers' Day