

A seed of hope planted among Grades 11 students

A grade 11 learner from Namedi Secondary School in Diepkloof - Gauteng, Ms Nompumelelo Jeyie has thanked the Department of Public Works and the Property Sector Charter Council for creating a platform where learners can gain more understanding of the property and construction sector through engaging with professionals in this industry.

Ms Jeyie is one of dozens Grade 11 learners from 5 high schools in the Gauteng Province who got a chance of being exposed to the possibilities of careers in the property and construction sector, thanks to the Property and Construction Career Week hosted by the Property Sector Charter Council, supported by the National Department of Public Works. The Property and Construction Career Week was held on the 7th to the 9th of October at Hyde Park in Johannesburg.

Addressing the Career Week, Public Works Minister TW Nxesi urged learners to use the event to gather as much information as possible and to be open to the many career possibilities that are in the construction and property sectors.

Under the theme “Property and Construction as a career choice,” the Week aimed to create interest in the property and construction among high school learners from previously disadvantaged schools, as well as to establish a one-stop shop for learners to engage and learn all the technical and relevant aspects of the property and construction sector.

The 5 high schools that took part in the Career Week are the Namedi Secondary School and Fons Luminis Secondary School from Diepkloof; Minerva Secondary School and Realogile Secondary School from Alexandra as well as Phomolong Secondary School from Tembisa.

Minister Nxesi announced, during the event, that the Department of Public Works would offer bursaries to one learner from each of the five schools, who wish to pursue a career in the built environment.

He said the expansion of the built environment (construction and property) was key to the social and economic development of this country, adding that the sector was also crying out for transformation. “On both counts, this points to greatly expanded career opportunities – as well as a productive and full-filling vocation at the cutting edge of our country’s economic trajectory and continued social transformation,” explained Minister Nxesi.

The Chief Executive Office of the Property Sector Charter Council Ms Portia Tau-Sekati said this initiative creates a platform where learners have an opportunity to understand more about the Property and Construction sector, by engaging with the professionals in the industry.