

## 'Leaders should emulate Nkondlo'

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SACP deputy national chairperson and Public Works Minister Thulas Nxesi on Sunday urged party members to be aware of those members who lost leadership battles within the ANC and wanted to use the SACP to oppose the ruling party.

He was speaking at Ncumisa Kondlo Hall in Peddie where he delivered the Ncumisa Kondlo memorial lecture. Kondlo, who died in 2008, was the SACP national deputy chairperson.

Nxesi said there were an increasing number of SACP members grouping branches to oppose the ANC. He said members should instead emulate Kondlo's leadership skills and maintain unity.

Nxesi described Kondlo as a leader who was committed to uplifting people's lives and their conditions. "She will always be remembered for her total dedication and commitment to the SACP. It is a fact that comrade Kondlo was a role model from her student days up to becoming a teacher and a politician," Nxesi said.

He said the SACP needed leaders who possessed Kondlo's qualities and selflessness. "When we talk about, selflessness, we want people not to fight for positions as we see in some of the areas where people fight for positions in order to have access to power," he said.

He urged councillors to work towards the betterment of the people.

"Councillors and the people who are leading in the branches of the SACP must be exemplary and call meetings and report to the people about the work they did, including challenges they encountered," he said.

SACP provincial chairperson Xolile Nqatha recently also lashed out at ANC councillors who are causing factions in municipalities.

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