

# Hospitality youth learnership



**T**he National Department of Tourism in partnership with the Free State Department of Economic, Small Business, Tourism Development and Environmental Affairs and Dihlabeng Local Municipality have implemented the Youth Hospitality Learnership Programme under the Expanded Public Works Programme in Clarens, (Thabo Mofutsanyana District).

The programme has recruited 32 unemployed youth from Clarens and they are being trained in Food and Beverages Services. Thereafter they will be awarded an NQF Level 4 Certificate (accredited by CATHSETA) on completion of a 12 month training period.

The Hospitality Training Programme consists of a 30% theory programme, which takes place over 3 months and 70% workplace training, which takes place over 9 months.

This eventually leads to the achievement

of an accredited qualification in the hospitality industry.

All learners have successfully completed the first phase of the programme, which is the theory phase. They have been placed in various tourism establishments within Clarens, in order to obtain their workplace training.

These establishments include Golden Gate Highlands National Park Hotel, Lazy Décor Restaurant, Kooperasie Restaurant, Friends Pub, Artist Café, Clarens Brewery, Grouse and Claret, Vito's Restaurant, Gosto Restaurant and By The Way Guesthouse.

After completion of the programme, the successful learners will receive a Hospitality NQF Level 4 certificate, accredited by CATHSETA. This will give them the opportunity to be employed in the tourism industry.

*In photo: Trainees in the hospitality training programme.*