

Career exhibition in property, building

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MAKING career choices still remains a serious challenge for many learners. This challenge continues to see many students fail while others drop out.

The property sector charter council held a construction and property career exhibition at Mimosa Hall in Polokwane on Thursday.

The career exhibition aimed at teaching learners about career opportunities in the construction and property sectors.

Property sector charter council analyst, Kgaogelo Lekota, said the exhibition is a property sector and Department of Public Works initiative to introduce learners to employment opportunities in these fields.

“We have been running this initiative for the past eight years across the country and we saw it as a need to also take it to rural schools,” said Lekota.

He said they want rural learners to grow up knowing and having an interest in property and construction as a career.

“It is crucial that we sharpen and nurture the learners to ensure that they are equipped to face the reality of what it takes to study at tertiary level,” he said.

He said: “We believe bringing such an exhibition closer to the learners, will help them make the right decision.”

Pretoria based Public Works Skills Development Coordinator, Miranda Makinyane, said there are many opportunities

in the construction industry which target the youth.

“It is important that our communities support the learning environments as to ensure that our children achieve their goals,” said Makinyane.

She urged learners to do in-depth research of the careers they choose.

“Our schools also need to

create their own cultures of learning which will benefit the learners,” she said.

Mankweng Circuit Manager, David Magagane, said

he believes the exhibition will help the learners on the right path.

“It is devastating that we produce quality learners who through poor career choice, do not complete their studies,” said Magagane.

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Some of the learners who attended the construction and property career exhibition. Top: Pretoria based Public Works Skills Development Coordinator, Miranda Makinyane.