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New programme creates opportunities

Ten new graduates were welcomed into Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo.

This was made possible by a new programme that was created and implemented by the City of Johannesburg in agreement with the EOH Youth Job Creation Initiative.

"As City Parks and Zoo, we have heeded the call to play our role in preparing the youth to be work ready and in the interim, capacitating them with the necessary skills and confidence in their search of permanent employment," said councillor Nonhlanhla Sifumba, MMC for community development.

All the interns, who come from various tertiary institutions, have been strategically assigned to Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo (JCPZ) departments.

In these departments, each individual will be exposed to day-to-day activities in the workplace. They will be afforded opportunities that will allow them to gain

hands-on experience from their respective mentors. Carefully guided, developed assignments will be issued to these interns which they will need to complete. These assignments include report writing, administrative work, customer care and the conceptualization of tasks.

Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo's business enterprise development and expanded public works programme departments continue to fulfil their mandate to create short-term jobs for unemployed youth within local communities.

Not only are there new interns at Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo, but they will eventually become contractors at the company. This is because the company's efforts go further than only employing people in short-term, labour-intensive projects.

Interested graduates can visit www. talentplacement.com which will take them directly to the ProservSA portal where they can create and upload their CVs.