

■ WORK PLAN

Focus on jobs for youth

SOCIAL Development MEC Albert Fritz made young people aware of the Expanded Public Works Programme internships available from his department at the I am Passion youth café in Mitchells Plain.

The internships are facilitated through the Western Cape Department of Social Development Youth at Work Programme, which aims to train young people.

Additional funding was received through recent budget adjustments. Included in this increase is the allocation of R1.45 million for youth programmes which prioritise jobs and employment preparation.

Fritz said: "As government we are committed to creating opportunities for youth. Young people have a responsibility to use the opportunities available to advance themselves.

"Our internships will run for four months, and are intended to improve employability and give our interns exposure to the world of work. The successful candidates will be placed throughout the various programmes in the Western Cape, including youth cafés.

"All of the candidates have already been interviewed and I look forward to my department contacting the successful candidates. I wish each young person who showed up to the challenge of applying every success in their future."

The Ministry of Social Development in the Western Cape, under the leadership of Fritz, remains committed to empowering vulnerable youth, it said. | **Staff Reporter**