

Dpt. of Public Works Empowers GSDM Scholars



Students from Thomas Nhlabathi High School together with those of Kiriyaatshwane High School and other additional three schools listened attentively to the speakers of the day before touring the exhibition.

The Department of Public Works in conjunction with the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Public Works, Roads and Transport Department, Local authorities from Gert Sibande District and Govan Mbeki Local Municipality hosted a Career Expo in Secunda, in Mpumalanga province. The Expo was held on Tuesday, 9 April 2019 at the Thomas Nhlabathi High School.

The purpose of the Expo is to expose and provide career guidance opportunities to grade 11 and 12 pupils to enable them to make informed career choices when they complete their Matric and subsequently enrol for their tertiary education. Thomas Nhlabathi and Kiriyaatshwane High School were adopted by

the National Department of Public Works and form part of the Public Works Schools programme aimed at capacitating the built environment skills pipeline intervention and creation of an adequate scarce skills pool of learners to enable them to obtain built environment qualifications at University.

This type of Expo targets learners from different schools in the Gert Sibande District Municipality. The learners benefited from presentations delivered by Public Works officials and various stakeholders who shared their expertise as well as motivation with the learners.

The expo contributes in addressing the chronic

shortage of scarce skills in the built industry through the nurturing, mentor-ship and development of young people to enable them to become fully fledged professionals.

The program was initiated in 2013 and has never looked back targeting mainly the learning of maths and Science to achieve quality results for University entrance.

This also articulates Government's commitment to nurture and empower young people to make well informed decisions. It also contributes towards capacitating the national scarce skills' pool that will ultimately play a role in alleviating poverty and curbing unemployment.