

EDUCATION

Programme to uplift women

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AN initiative to upskill and uplift women from local communities has been launched by the City's Social Development Department in partnership with the Early Childhood Development Directorate.

Plans for the programme, called Women For Change, started four months ago when a group of women in Lansdowne underwent skill development training.

Lansdowne councillor Mark Kleinschmidt, who heads the initiative, said: "Unemployment and GBV issues are prevalent in my community and I felt there was something that can be done to uplift the women in my community and empower them to better their lives. I believe once these women are empowered and gain employment, our community as a whole will benefit."

Participants received training in substance abuse awareness, truancy spotting, life orientation skills, and the reporting of service delivery complaints and requests by Lansdowne residents. The training was facilitated by the City's Expanded Public Works Programme and City social workers.

After their training, participants were stationed at several local primary schools.