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MORE than 150 pupils from the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure's (DPWI) Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP)-National Youth Service (NYS) programme have graduated.

Under the theme, "Accelerating youth economic emancipation for a sustainable future", the programme also served as a National Youth Day commemorative event, which was held in the Belgravia High School Hall on Friday.

In attendance was DPWI Deputy Minister Bernice Swarts.

Participants in the 12-month programme are trained in artisanal skills such as electrical, plumbing, painting, and brick-laying.

Swarts said that in the 2022/23 financial year, the DPWI trained 834 people through the NYS countrywide.

Western Cape EPWP programme manager Mzimkulu Gusha said the flagship programme was implemented by all government departments and municipalities.

The sectors of the programme include infrastructure, environment and culture, social sector, and non-stake sector working with NGOs, CBOs, and community.

Trainees receive a stipend and training is done through TVET colleges and training providers.