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Lentswe, Jouberton - Leano la Bophelo Project is a community-based organization from Jouberton in Extension 24.

They are pleading with private companies to consider them through the utilization

of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs.

In celebrating heritage month on Monday September 18, staff was sharing traditional meals with job seekers around Klerksdorp and sharing much needed in-

formation regarding Matlosana heritage and how to engage in heritage activities which will create employment for them. This is a build-up activity to which the organization has other activities underway to be celebrated in schools. Activities include story-telling, traditional music and dance, indigenous games, traditional food and indigenous language uses and different customs.

They have planned a series of roadshows to townships in the area to mobilize young artists and crafts men and women to be part of the main event to be celebrated on Friday September 29 at Goudkoppie Heritage Hill.

They invite members of the community to be part of the celebration. Everyone is invited to occupy a stall to market and sell their products and services on the day of the event. Leano la Bophelo will be cooking and serving traditional cuisine to everyone attending the event. There will be performance of traditional groups and enjoyment of traditional music.

The organisation was established in 2010 by a group young people who identified a need for an organisation that will create work and provide training to young people around the communities

of Matlosana and the district. Its other objective is to restore and maintain heritage sites across the district at the same time promoting and embracing the peoples of Matlosana historical heritage.

Since establishment of Leano la Bophelo, the organisation has empowered over 800 young people through skills on beautification, horticulture and provided short term employment through its EPWP projects to work on site practically.

Leano la Bophelo has been providing cleaning services since 2018 supported by Independent Development Trust and parks,

walkways, N12 rockery, clinics and public spaces have been cleaned and maintained. The organisation has extended its activities to schools in communities around Matlosana which includes Jouberton, Kanana and Tigane. In total the workers are assisting in eight schools. Our workers are also assisting public schools to start food gardens which continues to assist underprivileged and food insecure households with vegetables.

Visit www.leanolabophelo.co.za to support this group or contact the organization's coordinator, Rathebe Mojaki, on 072 979 5619 for more information.



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