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Young people from across the city had the opportunity to showcase their creativity at the Arts Aweh programme.

The City's community, arts and culture development department (CACD) hosted various classes and exhibitions for aspiring young artists over the past seven months.

The final event took place on Monday 30 June.

The Arts Aweh! programme provided young people, aged six to 18, with creative learning experiences and an opportunity to participate in various art forms.

The programme started in November and attracted 3 173 students.

The Arts Aweh is an after-school programme designed to create opportunities for young people to explore and experience arts and cultural activities that are constructive, educational and fun. It was hosted at 13 City-owned spaces throughout the City.

Activities included drawing, painting, photography, hip hop, dance, performance, poetry, clay work and beading.

The programme also created job opportunities for young creatives, through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP).

As part of the initiative the department held eight exhibitions during May and June in Ocean View, Athlone, Bonteheuwel, Rocklands, Bel-

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har, Eerste River, Mfuleni and Mamre, where learners showcased their art.

The exhibitions included 3D artwork made from recycled material, canvas painting, drawings, functional art pieces, clay work, sand art and rock art.

During the exhibitions, students participated in mini-concerts and fashion shows where they showcased their poetry, drama, dance and clothing they created from recycled material.

Francine Higham, Mayco member for community services, said programmes such as Arts Aweh! give young people the tools and confidence to express themselves creatively, while also building valuable life skills.

"It's inspiring to see how the arts can spark imagination, foster connection and uplift communities. Not only does it help children develop fine motor skills and build self-esteem, but it also encourages self-expression where children can explore and communicate their emotions."

She said the City will continue to create opportunities and programmes where young people can learn and experience the beauty of art in its various forms.



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