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Professionals from various backgrounds urged young people to use education to move forward.

Sebokeng Hospital hosts uplifting youth celebration

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Sebokeng Hospital has shown its commitment to youth empowerment through a celebration for young people dubbed 'The power of education,' aiming to showcase the spirit, resilience, and potential of young people. According to spokesperson Lerato Sedulawesi, the event aimed to empower learners and employees about the importance of education and encouraged academic development.

The event boasted a wealth of information about the importance of education and self-development, which molds people into functional members of society and helps eradicate poverty. During the event, pupils were also able to engage with representatives from both UNISA and Sedibeng TVET College about various fields of study as well as career advice. Various speakers dropped gems that will stay with

pupils and staff beyond Youth Month, impacting their future life decisions.

Acting CEO Dr Peter Motlhaoleng encouraged the audience to take education seriously since it's the only thing that will help them understand how to best take care of themselves, boost their confidence, and overall well-being, and their personal growth.

Motlhaoleng emphasised that young people should use the opportunities presented before them, such as the better education that the youth of 1976 protested for.

Former porter Zandile Ndaba, who has worked herself up to becoming a Pharmacy Assistant, said that growing up, most people were taught about the importance of education, but did not comprehend what this means. "Education goes beyond just getting a job and making your parents happy, but it's, in fact, one of the most powerful tools.

For the past 10 years that I have worked as a porter, it wasn't easy for me, because I always wished to better myself to accomplish my professional objectives, which is why I ventured into another field of study to increase my career chances," said Ndaba.

Confess Nthoba, an Advanced Midwife working in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department said, "In as much as we are providing pupils with insight about education, we also need to make them aware that education is not only limited to just knowledge from books, but it can be obtained through practical experiences outside of the classroom."

EPWP intern Katleho Mofukunyane encouraged all young people to get an education, as it will unlock doors for them. Mofukunyane encouraged young people to equip themselves with the necessary skills to reach their goals.