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In response to the persistent high unemployment rate in Belhar, Huguenot Square Library is proactively playing a role in supporting access to employment. Recently the library hosted its quarterly employment programme, an initiative designed to address unemployment within the community.

The programme facilitated engagement between unemployed youth and various organisations and businesses, providing a platform for these organisations and businesses to share information about their organisation and how unemployed community members could get involved.



Attendees at the employment programme in Belhar left with lots of knowledge.

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- Cheryl Petersen

PARTICIPATION

Cheryl Petersen from the library says the event attracted 49 community members, all seeking opportunities for employment.

"Participating organisations contributed significantly to the initiative by offering insights into the current job market, sharing practical advice on job applications, and highlighting available resources.

"Notably, representatives from the Expanded Public Works Programme and the Department of Labour assisted attendees with registration on respective employment databases. Employment agencies like Kempston Employment Solutions and Ambition24 presented the attendees with current job openings and encouraged attendees to apply. Additionally, Equilibrium promoted their job readiness programme, which equips participants with essential skills for entering the workforce and EXP Realty shared more about their success in real estate and inspired attendees to become part of their business," says Petersen.

According to Petersen the event had a demonstrable impact on the community. "Attendees departed with enhanced knowledge, improved job-seeking competencies, and a renewed sense of motivation. Many expressed appreciation for the opportunity to engage directly with potential employers and mentors," she says.