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Upcoming events

EPWP is exhibiting at the 6th Congress of United Cities and Local Government and Local Government (UCLG) and World Summit of Local and Regional Leaders in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal from 11- 15 November 2019

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works will on Thursday - 14 November 2019 - host the EPWP Provincial Kamoso Awards in Ballito in the province

National Youth Service (NYS) Exit workshop will take place in Matatiele and Mthatha on 27 and 28 November 2019 respectively

EPWP ASSIST VISUALLY IMPAIRED COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO READ AND WRITE

Article by Emmanuel Jiyane

The Department of Public Works and Infrastructure and the Mpumalanga Department of Culture, Sports and Recreation have set up libraries to assist blind and visually impaired community members to read and write.

These two departments have appointed 12 participants through the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) to work on a temporary basis at the 21 mini libraries that are located across three districts municipalities (Gert Sibande, Ehlanzeni and Nkangala) to assist blind and visually impaired community members to read and write and how to use the computer software for the blind and visually impaired.

This EPWP project has already reached a milestone by winning the 16th Centre for Public Service Innovative (CPSI) Award and was also nominated to participate in the continental celebration of the Africa Public Service Day in Nairobi, Kenya in June 2019.

Testimonials

One participant- Mr. James Nkosi from Waterval Boven – currently holds a Certificate in Administration from Optima College. His duties at the library include teaching computer braille to blind and visually impaired community members.

“Today there are blind people that I have taught and have acquired their matric certificates and some of the community members I have taught have even opened a book club”.

He added that this EPWP project has assisted blind and visually impaired community members in the area to be able to read and write using braille and specialised computer software.



EPWP PARTICIPANTS ASSIST IN THE FIXING OF POTHOLES IN EMALAHLENI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

Article and pictures Michael Mokoena



In a bid to bring in community members in the work of fixing some of its local roads, the Emalahleni Local Municipality has appointed (on a temporary basis) Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) trainees to provide road patching and road marking services.

The 25 participants who are all being trained in Construction Roadworks mentored and monitored by senior municipal officials who work in the Roadworks Division.

This initiative is a partnership between the Mpumalanga Regional Office of the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure as well as the Emalahleni Local Municipality.

One of the participants, Ms. Ayanda Motswi, said this training project will contribute to a safer roads for motorists and all community members.

“This EPWP project has given us valuable road maintenance skills which we can use to find work at the local mines in the area,” Ms. Motswi said.

Ms. Motswi – together with other participants – explained a detailed process of road marking and potholes patching.

One of the mentors in this project is Ms. Salamina Nhlapo, who said that she was pleased with the work that the participants were doing on site.

Ms Nhlapo, who work in the municipality’s roadworks division said the participants were exposed to the theoretical training of how to fix potholes and doing road marking before being unleashed to fix the roads in town. “We are truly pleased with the work that they are doing...it is clear that the participants are grasping the knowledge that we are giving them,” she added.

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