



The Deputy Minister of Public Works Jeremy Cronin to officiate the graduation ceremony of Expanded Public Works Programme participants in Mahikeng

The Deputy Minister of Public Works, Mr. Jeremy Cronin will tomorrow - Friday, 08 June 2018 - officiate the graduation ceremony of Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) participants to be held in Mahikeng, North West.

Deputy Minister Cronin will be accompanied by the Deputy Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Mr Andries Nel. Both Deputy Ministers will on the day handover certificates to 145 EPWP participants who have successfully completed a course in Environmental Practice, National Qualification Framework (NQF) level 2.

This training programme was funded in partnership with the Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LGSETA). The National Department of Public Works (NDPW) entered into partnership (LGSETA) in 2017/2018 in order to achieve the capacity building objectives of local government and to ensure that EPWP participants obtain necessary skills which will enable them to get permanent employment. The event is also part of the Youth Month celebrations under the theme: "Live the Legacy: Towards a socio-economic empowered youth".

As part of the 2018 Youth Month Programme, the EPWP will embark on the following events:

08 June 2018 - North West
Deputy Minister of Public Works Certificate Handover ceremony in- Mahikeng

19 June 2018 - Eastern Cape
National Youth Services Exit Workshop in Graaff - Reinet Town Hall

20 June 2018 - Eastern Cape
National Youth Services Exit Workshop in Queenstown - Indoor Sports Centre

22 June 2018 - Eastern Cape
National Youth Services Exit Workshop in - Moses Twebe Hall

23 June 2018 - Cape Town
Cape Agulhas Youth Indaba in - Bredasdorp, Thusong Centre

28 June 2018 - KwaZulu-Natal
The National Launch of the Recruitment Guidelines by the Minister of Public Works



EPWP Training

In EPWP, training is a cross-cutting function which supports all four EPWP Sectors that is, Infrastructure, Social, Non-State and Environment and Culture; and it is implemented in all the nine provinces across the three spheres of the Government, namely National, Provincial and Local.

The EPWP aims to provide accredited training to participants in the form of the various training programmes such as Short Courses, Skills Programmes, Learnership Programmes and Artisan Development Programmes.

EPWP relies on funding from external sources, which includes the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) through the National Skills Fund (NSF) and the Sector Education and Training Authorities (SETA's) discretionary grants.

In 2015/2016 financial year, a total of 6,402 EPWP participants were trained on various accredited skills programmes. Some of the skill programmes trained on included: HIV and AIDS Awareness, Chainsaw Operator, Child and Youth Care Work, Community Development, Community Health Work, Early Childhood Development, Library Practice, Public Awareness Promotion of Dread Disease Roadworks, Community Health Work, Farming, Patrol Security Officer Information Technology End User Computing, to name only a few.

Expanded Public Works Programme celebrates Youth Month

Every year on 16 June South Africa commemorates the 1976 Soweto uprising to pay tribute to learners who stood up against the apartheid government. They stood together and laid down their lives fighting for freedom and the right to equal education.

Observed as a public holiday, the day serves as a reminder that young people in the country were at the forefront of the struggle for liberation. Youth month commemorations provide government with an opportunity to take stock of the strides made in addressing issues facing the youth. In South Africa we not only commemorate Youth Day but dedicate the entire month of June to the youth. Government and its agencies such as the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) will over the month host a number of engagements including youth expos, dialogues and youth entrepreneur hubs to showcase opportunities available to young people.

As the country marks the 42 anniversary of the June 16, it is important to appreciate the role played by the youth within the Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) in moving the South Africa forward.

EPWP has a range of programmes targeted at the youth such as the National Youth Service (NYS), the Artisan Development programme, the National Youth Chef Programme, Working on Fire and many others.

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