

SOUTHERN REGION EXPOSES SCHOLARS TO CONSTRUCTION ENVIRONMENT

Take A Girl Child to Work was introduced by mobile phone giant Cell C in 2003 to give school girls the opportunity to visit a place of work. Since its inception, the KZN Department of Public Works has been actively involved and participated positively in this initiative.

Southern Region responded to this call by hosting learners from Sobantu and Ngcendomhlophe High Schools respectively. Officials provided learners with information about the Department of Public Works and the importance of choosing construction career. The Acting Regional Manager, Mr Qiniso Makaluza welcomed the learners and thanked the region for organising such a fruitful event. Learners were later given a site tour visit to Edendale Nurses College which is in Pine Street, Pietermaritzburg as part of exposing them to the construction environment.



The Head of Department, Mr A Govender encouraging learners

Learners had a privilege to meet with the Head of Department, Mr A Govender who encouraged learners to be successful in life, “There is a big opportunity in built environment and this department helps learners in built environment” HOD said. He continued to mention that the learners must not get involved in something negative and uncalled for because of peer pressure. “You need to set goals in your life, work hard, get certificates and go to education facilities to pursue your career”. He concluded.

Learners had a chance of asking the Head of Department some questions about the Department and how it is like to be the Head of Department. Officials from District Services, Property Management, Professional Services and Bursary Programmes provided information to learners about the career paths in these fields. Learners responded positively by asking questions relevant to the industry.



Above (left & right) Learners on site

Ms Jean Makhaye, the Senior Manager: Human Resource Management outlined the purpose of the day to learners and encouraged learners to be careful on the kind of people they associate with whether they are bringing positive or negative.



HRM Manager; Ms Jean Makhaye

The purpose of this exercise was to motivate and encourage learners to choose careers in those critical skills in order to bridge the existing skills gap.