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War on Leaks workshop ends in great jubilee

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On Wednesday, 24 May 2017, Deputy Minister of the Department of Water and Sanitation Ms Pamela Tshwete joined by the Executive Mayor of Bitou Municipality, Councillor Peter Lobese conducted a workshop with the War on Leaks (WOL) students.

The visit was part of a road show that the Department is embarking on to assess the progress of students who were recruited during Phase 1 in 2015 and the Phase 2 students who were recruited in 2016 and are currently in training.

In her address, Deputy Minister emphasised the importance of discipline and said the lack of discipline from trainees in various institutions is disappointing. “You might have a hundred degrees however without discipline one can stay without a job,” said Deputy Minister Tshwete.

She further added that discipline starts at home and it paints a picture of where one comes from. Deputy Minister reminisced about the Apartheid days and said, “When I left South Africa to go to exile my aunt said the success of my home will be determined by me.” So do not disappoint your families but make them proud said Deputy Minister Tshwete.

She requested students to behave, persevere and focus on their studies in order to succeed despite the challenges. Deputy Minister alluded to this and said the Department, Rand Water, and Energy and Water Sector Education and Training Authority (EWSETA) are aware of the challenges regarding the late payment of stipends.

“We are working on resolving all the challenges, in order to ensure that the training process takes place seamlessly however, the stipend should not be seen as a salary but rather as a means to education, said Deputy Minister Tshwete.

The programme, which provides training qualification of water agents, artisans and plumbers, will go a long way in undertaking water conservation advocacy, pollution reduction campaigns, water wise household and gardening, installation of water efficient devices, infrastructure repairs and rehabilitation, leak detection and water audits.

Furthermore, it provides both the private and public sectors with the most essential skills highly sort out in the management of water business and administration thereof.



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As the workshop concluded, the learners gathered through song and gave praises to the programme and Deputy Minister and Executive Mayor joined in on the celebrations.

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