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Science Week exposes learners to the water and sanitation sector

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Learners from across the Mpumalanga Province, especially around the Gert Sibande District Municipality were exposed to the water and sanitation sector for over two weeks. This happened during the Sasol Science Expo and the Mondi Science Week educational exhibition held from 31 July 2017 to 11 August 2017, one after the other.

The Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) took the learners on a visual trip through the water and sanitation business to help the learners understand the importance of the sector and its related careers. The learners were also educated and reminded of the importance of water use efficiency and water conservation as South Africa is a water scarce country.

Mr Thami Mndawe, 2020 Provincial Coordinator for the Mpumalanga Province, Ms Nobulali Mtikitiki from the national Learning Academy and Mr Jan Mabena from Water Use Efficiency said they were satisfied with information that the learners and members of the public were fed with information.

Sipho Nkosi from Embalenhle in the Govan Mbeki Local Municipality was so excited to learn about the water sector. "This is an eye-opener for me as I never knew there are so many opportunities in the water and sanitation sector. For me it was the people working in the water treatment plants and those fixing damaged pipes, but now I also see myself featuring in a career in this important sector" he said. Sipho added that he will distribute the water saving tips he received to educate his community of the importance of water conservation and using water in a responsible manner.

The sessions were very educational and informative and enticed a lot of interest in the Departmental programmes. Schools that did not previously participate in the 2020 Vision programme promised to fully participate. Zethu Hlophe, a learner from The Gem Combined School promised to take full advantage of the opportunities provided by the Department and ensure that she realizes her dream of becoming a scientist. "I will do my best and take part in the programmes to ensure that I stand to benefit from the opportunities I have been exposed to. I will work even harder to achieve my dream", she said.



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