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DWS close off youth month celebrations with a bang

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Nothing could have marked the end of Youth Month celebrations than the sealing of an agreement solely dedicated on South African youth.

Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and Izakhiwo Imfundo Trust signed a technical skills development agreement for engineering students to close off the month long commemorations. This was done during a breakfast networking session held at the Group Five offices in Midrand, Gauteng today, 30 June 2016.

Through this established partnership Izakhiwo Imfundo Trust will provide financially disadvantaged but academically capable learners with financial assistance. Meanwhile DWS will provide them with practical work experience to prepare them for the work environment.

The event according to Minister of Water and Sanitation Nomvula is proof that today's youth are slowly but surely reaping the fruits of the 1976's class efforts. "This what the South African youth of 40 years ago fought for, that learners from disadvantaged backgrounds get equal opportunities to accomplish their dreams", she gushed.

Tshegofatso Tsitsi, a third year civil engineering student at the University of the Witwatersrand (WITS) is currently studying through this programme and believes this is one of the best moments of his life. "I'm not only presented with an opportunity to live my dream but also a chance to change the lives of South Africans for the better".

When the students finish their studies, they will get work experience in the water sector through DWS

Chairperson of Izakhiwo Imfundo Trust Dr Namane Magau highlighted that this initiative mimics that of killing two birds with one stone, "this tackles the worrying issues of lack of technical skills amongst youth, which lead to high rates of unemployment and that of water scarcity", she noted.

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