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Science Week Expo Opens Learners' Eyes

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Thousands of learners from all over the Gert Sibande District of the Mpumalanga Province were exposed to careers in the water and sanitation sector during the Science Week Awareness exhibition held at the Mondi Centre in Mkhondo Local Municipality from 10 to 12 August 2016.

Primary and high school learners and the youth in general were exposed to career fields in the water sector by the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) and the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency (IUCMA).

The learners and all those who visited the department's exhibition space were excited to understand the water and sanitation business as it was presented by Mr Thami Mndawe and Ms Nontokozi Hleza. The water and sanitation business chart was used to explain how the water and sanitation processes work and the different kinds of skills required to ensure that processes are in place and work well. The educators accompanying the learners were provided with water careers booklets to be placed at their libraries for reference.

The exhibition was an eye-opener for the youth as it exposed the different processes in the provision of clean and healthy water and the importance of proper sanitation and hygiene.

The audience was also reminded that we are currently experiencing one the most devastating droughts in decades and urged to use water sparingly and in a conservative manner. The importance of water conservation was highly stressed as South Africa is a water scarce country and one of the 30 driest countries in the world.

The learners were so excited to discover the number of careers in the water sector they were previously not aware of.

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