

The Youth Development Office in partnership with Eskom, Vitroviem and Department of Education (Regional office) hosted the aforementioned expo on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2013 from 09h00 at Botleng Sports Centre. The said programme is in line with the 2012/13 IDP and Youth Development SDBIP document respectively.

The objective was mainly to enable the learners to follow a specific path which will expose them to further training, education and skills development opportunities relevant to the needs of the local industry.

The following exhibitors/higher institutions of learning were present wherein they explained their services and the available opportunities for young people:

1. Tshwane University of Technology (TUT)
2. Department of Education regional office (DoE)
3. Nkangala FET (Witbank Campus)
4. Mpumalanga Regional Training Trust (MRTT)
5. Hitachi Construction Company
6. University of Pretoria (UP)
7. Marry & Roberts
8. Love Life
9. Eskom (Kusile Power Station)

The youth development office provided the following services amongst others:

- ✓ Explained the services of the municipality and the office with regards to educational matters,
- ✓ Motivated learners to pass well so as to meet the admission point selection (APS) for university entrance,
- ✓ Encouraged the learners to continuously visit the office for any assistance that which they may require,
- ✓ Issued out more than ten bursary applications from different institutions and companies and,
- ✓ Packaged the said bursaries and supplied the schools to provide learners with copies,
- ✓ Offered to assist learners to fill the university/FET applications and bursary forms, if challenged

Approximately 500 learners (grades 10 - 12) attended from five different high schools i.e. Phaphamani, Mafa Max Motloung, Botleng, Swartklip and Sundra high