

The Youth Development office in conjunction with the Department of Education (Delmas circuit), Debates Committee hosted the said project on Wednesday, 31st July 2013, 10h00 at Sundra High School. Approximately eleven (11) high schools with grade 10 & 11 learners took part in the festival and more than 100 people attended the event including District officials from department of education, learners and parents.

The project objectives was to give learners an exposure to public speaking, improve their confidence and analytical skills to prepare factual discussions and give clear understanding on matters of national importance which affects their development.

The learners debated the following motions:

- Motion 1: Should government employees be involved in private businesses?
- Motion 2: Should local government play a prominent role in reducing the usage of drugs in our communities?
- Motion 3: Should apartheid be blamed for the slow development in our country?
- Motion 4: Is media the major cause of teenage pregnancy?
- Motion 5: Are FET colleges the real source of skills development in the country?
- Motion 6: Is the youth wage subsidy a solution to youth unemployment crisis in the country?

The results were as follows:

Best performing Schools:

Position 1 : Buhlebemfundo High School (Gauteng)
Position 2 : Swartklip Combined School (Delmas)
Position 3 : Max Mafa Motloun High School (Delmas)

Best Speakers:

Position 1 : Swartklip Combined School (Delmas)
Position 2 : Buhlebemfundo High School (Gauteng)
Position 3 : Max Mafa Motloun High School (Delmas)

Winners received trophies for their respective schools and individual medals and trophies for best speakers.