

CAREERS IN SCIENCE AND LEARNING EXPO

02 – 08 August 2024

ADVANCING CAREER READINESS THROUGH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AFTER SCHOOL
LEARNING CLUBS



BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

Mphotho Community development Centre NPO is a voluntary organization that was founded for the purpose of facilitating sustainable and tailor-made human capital development programs that address immediate and future human and labour needs through forging meaningful positive partnerships with business, communities and business.

The centre has been running the career awareness programs working with the Life Orientation office within the Department of Education's Moses Kotane Area Office since 2017. We have reached over 5 000 grade 8 and 9 learners in the past eight (8) years.

In 2024, we intend reaching 5000 learners in four cluster (Mokgalwaneng, Mmantserre, Manamakgotheng and Moruleng). We will host the careers in science and learning expo 2024 from 02 – 08 August 2024 as part of our National Science Week Celebrations under the theme: **"Building bridges of hope through establishing after school learning clubs"**



PURPOSE AND FOCUS

Career readiness is not an event but a process that include subject choice at grade 9, career awareness at grade 10 and career planning at grade 11 to 12. Our approach is to support learners throughout this process and ensure that learners are empowered to make informed decisions in relation to their career choice.

We build-in support for learner's academic performance as a way to help them prepare for their entry at Higher Education levels. The After School Learning Support Clubs are a vehicle to advance the career planning process.

Our focus is to ensure that learners are competitive to meet the entry requirements for various courses at university level and that that they make choices in the following fields:

1. Engineering Sciences
2. Physical and Chemical Sciences
3. Earth Sciences
4. Computer Sciences
5. Medical & Veterinary Sciences
6. Life Sciences
7. Social Sciences



DAY 1: 02 August 2024

THE AFTER-SCHOOL LEARNING CLUBS COLLOQUIUM

Bringing together players within the After School Learning Clubs in order to coin a definition and provide an identity to this institution. Mphotho Community Development Centre NPO has been a player within the after school sector for over 14 years and intend to engage both social and private providers including extra-tuition facilitators, the sports clubs, music and other players to engage on the possibility of supporting and improving learner's academic performance.

The colloquium seek to engage all role players to expand the reach and services of the after-school learning clubs as a platform. The colloquium will look at how the possibility of creating safe spaces within the communities where children can improve their academic performance and show their talent to the world while working with their peers.

We target attracting about 200 role players from different sectors that include arts, culture, sports and education. We are also extending this invitation to schools and government institutions and tribal authorities.



DAY 2: 03 AUGUST 2024

THE AFTER-SCHOOL LEARNING SUPPORT CLUBS LAUNCH

Mphotho Community Development Centre NPO has made an undertaking in 2021 to establish and support 240 after-school learning support clubs in 60 communities of Moses Kotane Municipality by 2026.

The centre intends to launch its first 50 clubs on the Saturday, 03 August 2024 as we are advancing the career readiness program through the After School Learning Clubs.

The clubs activities focus will be:

- Science Experiments
- Technology (Tambai Express) Challenge
- Community Mission Control (Earth Observation and Space Exploration)
- Robotics and Coding



DAY 3: 05 AUGUST 2024

CAREER AWARENESS AND MOKGALWANA OUTREACH

The career awareness program will offer different institutions and organizations to engage with learners and youth from local communities. The expo targets to attract learners from schools outside the Mogale Circuit of education to visit the main expo centre at Manamakgotheng and host an outreach to Mokgalwaneng village, targeting learners from Gaopotlake and Mochudi Secondary Schools and youth from the Matlametlong, Mokgalwana, Pote and Disake villages.

Exhibiting institutions will have an opportunity to join the outreach or even sent through their materials to the outreach venue. It is expected that learners and youth who attended the expo will have an opportunity to also apply for university admission through the help of the officials of the centre.



DAY 4: 06 AUGUST 2024

CAREER AWARENESS AND MANTSERRE OUTREACH

The career awareness program will offer different institutions and organizations to engage with learners and youth from local communities. The expo targets to attract learners from schools outside the Mogale Circuit of education to visit the main expo centre at Manamakgotheng and host an outreach to Mantserre village, targeting learners from Gaopotlake and Modise Secondary Schools and youth from Kraalhoek, Mopyane, .

Exhibiting institutions will have an opportunity to join the outreach or even sent through their materials to the outreach venue. It is expected that learners and youth who attended the expo will have an opportunity to also apply for university admission through the help of the officials of the centre.



DAY 5: 07 AUGUST 2024

CAREER AWARENESS AND MANAMAKGOTHENG OUTREACH

The career awareness program will offer different institutions and organizations to engage with learners and youth from local communities. The expo targets to attract learners from schools outside the Mogale Circuit of education to visit the main expo centre at Manamakgotheng and host an outreach to Manamakgotheng village, targeting learners from Tshaile, Manamakgotha and Makuka Secondary Schools and youth from Mononono, Sefikile, and Manamakgotheng villages.

Exhibiting institutions will have an opportunity to join the outreach or even sent through their materials to the outreach venue. It is expected that learners and youth who attended the expo will have an opportunity to also apply for university admission through the help of the officials of the centre.



DAY 6: 08 AUGUST 2024

The last day of the expo will be held at the centre. On the day all exhibitors available will engage with learners and community member. In the afternoon, we will then usher the National Womens Day in style. We will be announcing our 2024 Miss Hope, Little Miss Hope and Miss Hope Teen Cluster Finalists.

Local entertainers will graze the evening and our media partner Kgatleng FM presenter will also be within the mix.

