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DWS exposes rural learners to careers in the water sector

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Learners from rural communities around the City of Mbombela were exposed to careers in the water sector during a career expo held at the Botanical Gardens in Mbombela on 01 March 2019.

The learners were exposed to many different careers in the environment by different sectors, and they showed more interest in the water sector as the presentation opened their minds on the broad careers in the sector.

Mr Themba Khoza from the Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS) in Mpumalanga presented on the broad range of careers in the water sector and encouraged the learners to consider joining the sector to fill the skills gap and ensure that the water and sanitation value chain functions efficiently and effectively.

“In the Department, we have competition for the youth where you stand to win great prizes such as bursaries, so make sure that you participate in these competitions and become water ambassadors”, he said.

He further encouraged the learners and all in attendance to use the available water wisely and efficiently as South Africa is a water scarce country and climate change is negatively affecting water resources as rainfall levels have





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dropped and the extreme heat is depleting the water resources through evaporation.

Dudu Nkosi, a learner from Phatfwa Secondary School thanked the Department for exposing her to the great careers in the water sector. “I will definitely encourage our school to participate in the Department’s competitions to stand a chance of winning the great prizes on offer. More awareness needs to be conducted, especially in rural areas to expose learners to the wide range of careers and opportunities available out there”, she concluded.

About 250 learners from the five schools from the surrounding communities were exposed to the different careers in the environment and encouraged to be water ambassadors. All the participants were handed water saving tips to share with their friends and families to encourage responsible water use behavior.

Themba Khoza

