

Witzenberg PALS Agri Career Expo 2017 a huge success!

Witzenberg Partners in Agri Land Solutions (PALS) recently held its first ever Agricultural Career exhibition from 19-21 September 2017, at the Ceres Rugby Club Sportsgrounds at Victoria Park, Ceres.

The exhibition, which was held in partnership with the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Cape Winelands District Municipality, as well as Witzenberg Municipality, was attended by 430 high school learners from grades 9 to 11, from the eight (8) high schools, as well as about 30 unemployed matriculants from the Witzenberg area. The learners were addressed by about 20 exhibitors, which included universities, colleges, agricultural research institutions, agri-related organisations, government departments, as well as emerging and commercial agricultural producers.

Among other things, learners received information and guidance on making informed decisions on purpose-driven subject choices, various fields of study, bursaries, internships, as well as learnerships in various fields. The main sponsor for PALS training programmes, Nulandis AECl also attended the exhibition and also provided valuable information to learners about bursaries and other career guidance programmes available at Nulandis AECl.

The PALS Board of Directors and the PALS Centre in Ceres, hereby wish to sincerely thank all participating exhibitors, for their support and contribution to the success of our first career exhibition, which was held for the benefit of the youth of the Witzenberg area.

A special word of appreciation also goes to the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Cape Winelands District Municipality, as well as the Witzenberg Municipality for their support to PALS, in hosting the successful exhibitions over three (3) days.

The CEO of PALS, Mr Lennox Plaatjies confirmed the commitment of PALS to ensure the expansion of an inclusive and integrated agricultural sector, by PALS continuing to create development and other related opportunities for young people from previously disadvantaged communities.

"Judging from the positive feedback we have received from the various learners, school principals, as well as exhibitors themselves, we are hugely encouraged in our endeavour to ensure that the PALS Agri Career Expo becomes an annual event in our area." Mr Plaatjies commented.

The following exhibitors are kindly thanked for their attendance at and participation in the PALS Agri Career Expo 2017:

1. University of the Western Cape (UWC)
2. Cape Peninsula University of Technology (CPUT)
3. Elsenburg College
4. Northlink College
5. Cape Audio College
6. Nine Academy Film, Stage & Dance

7. Westcoast College
8. Boland College
9. National Youth Development Agency (NYDA)
10. PPECB
11. Agricultural Research Council (ARC)
12. Nulandis AECI
13. WWF
14. Department Agriculture Western Cape
15. Department of Labour
16. Cape Winelands District Municipality (CWDM)
17. South African Police Service (SAPS)
18. De Keur Group
19. Koue Bokkeveld Training Centre (KBOS)
20. Ceres Togryers Museum

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