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Career Expo hosted for youngsters

The Khayaletu Youth Desk in partnership with AFM Ivangeli Loxolo Youth Department hosted a successful career Expo in Concordia, on Friday, 14 August. Grade 12 learners from Percy Mdala, Knysna Secondary and Concordia High Schools were in attendance. The purpose of the Expo was to ensure that young people get access to information and are exposed to different career paths that they can choose from.

The Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans supported the event and encouraged the youth to work hard and ensure that they pass their exams. She urged the learners to put an effort now so that they can reap the benefits in the future.

Representatives from Tsiba College, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Africa Skills Training College, South Cape College and Rhodes University did presentations about what their academic institutions have to offer. The learners were informed about the admissions procedure, available financial assistance (NSFAS, Bursaries, Study loans) and courses offered. After the presentations learners were given the opportunity to visit the institutions stalls and ask questions.

The Khayaletu Youth Co-ordinator Busisiwe Mningiswa, shared with the audience the services that the Municipal Youth Centres offer. She also informed the learners about an internship programme that the Centre is running. For more information young people may contact any of the five Youth Centres in the Greater Knysna.

The programme was ended off with motivational talks from professionals who come from different career fields, they shared their life experiences and the hard work they had to put in. Knysna Municipality's very own Legal Services Manager, Melony Paulsen, spoke about the effort that went in for her to become an Attorney and from the Town Planning Department, Ntombi Ngxwashula, shared her path on becoming a qualified Town Planner and being the very first to graduate in her family. There were two delegates from the medical profession, Doctor Camagu Potelwa explained what his day to day duties entail and the type of person one has to be in order to succeed in the field and Zamukulungisa Soko, a nurse by profession motivated the young and eager audience by informing them of an importance of having a relationship with God. The last speaker Lolwethu Ndabana, a social worker informed the youngsters about bursaries that Social Development Department currently has on offer.

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