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Celebrate your courage on Youth Day, urges Knysna Mayor

South Africa celebrates Youth Day on 16 June. Knysna Executive Mayor Georlene Wolmarans urged residents to remember the meaning behind this public holiday, and to make its lessons a part of their daily lives. "We commemorate and celebrate the courage of our youth, and of ourselves as South Africans on Youth Day," said Wolmarans.

"Our country has a rich history," she continued. "A history filled with accounts and stories of how South Africans gathered their strength and faced their challenges, bringing about change for the better. And we must never forget the courageous protests launched by the students in 1976."

"We all know what happened and how it came about. A group of students decided to stand up to oppression within the education system of the day," she explained. "They protested against the Bantu Education Act and the government edict in 1974 that Afrikaans be used as medium of instruction for certain subjects in black schools. This protest resulted in a wave of protests across the country, known as the Soweto Uprising."

"Their demonstrations - and the reaction it evoked on a national and global scale - was one of the great strides our country took towards freedom and equality for all. And it is proof of our inherent courageous nature as South Africans."

"Enjoy the public holiday, but remember those courageous young people who sacrificed their freedom and their lives so that we may enjoy and appreciate ours," she concluded. "And keep in mind that having been oppressed before, we must never allow the oppression of one group by another again. Not in the greater Knysna area, and not in South Africa. By allowing, appreciating and celebrating each other's differences, we will create a town where people and nature prosper."

Youth Social Project Programmes in the Greater Knysna:

Arts & Craft project: 10h00 until 14h00

2, 3 & 4 June	White location - Love life Youth Centre
9,10 & 11 June Registration: 8 June	Hornlee Community Hall Hornlee Youth Centre
17,18 & 19 June Registration: 15 June	Karatara - Golden Movement Club next to the library Golden Movement Club
23, 24 & 25 June Registration: 22 June	Brackenhill Community Hall Brackenhill Community Hall

Leadership Training for Youth

8 June: 10h00 until 14h00	Khayaletu Community Hall Transport pick up points: 08h30 Chris Nissan School & Masifunde Youth Centre
09 June: 10h00 until 14h00	Karatara Community Hall Transport pick up points: 08h30 Smutsville Community Hall, Fairley, Fairview Library, Rheenendal Youth Centre
10 June: 10h00 until 14h00	Hornlee Library Transport pick up point: 08h30 Brachenhill
16 June: 10h00 until 16h00	Rheenendal Sports field: Market Day

16 June: 10h00 until 14h00	Hornlee Community Hall: "Art & Painting Against Crime"
16 June: 10h00 until 16h00	Khayaletu Community Hall: "Education is the key to success"
16 June: 10h00 until 16h00	Masifunde Love life Youth Centre: Cultural activities, Art & Drama
25 June: 10h00 14h00	Smutsville Community Hall: Open Day for Tertiary Institutions & Career Guidance

If you have any enquiries please contact your nearest Youth Centre.

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<p>Khayaletu Where: Housing Office, Chungwa Street Telephone: +27 (0)44 302 6591 Email: khayaletuydc@knysna.gov.za</p>	<p>Smutsville Where: Community Centre, Rooikrans Lane, Smutsville Telephone: +27 (0)44 302 6565 Email: smutsvilleydc@knysna.gov.za</p>

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