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Department of Energy

Learner Focus Week 2018 briefing meeting

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The Department of Energy in collaboration with the Department of Education hosted the learner focus week 2018 briefing meeting

The Department of Energy together with the Department of Education has been mandated by the provincial government to carry out the Learner Focus Week for Grade 12 learners. This programme is in line with career guidance and counselling, the DOE office is responsible for facilitating education by coordinating guidance and creating access to education for learners in underprivileged communities.

Learners were selected as part of an on-going programme on career guidance and counselling. The necessary exposure will be given to learners on careers within the Energy sector, at the end of this programme learners will undergo an assessment to test the knowledge they have acquired throughout the week, the focus being particularly on Physical Science, Life Sciences and Mathematics. This is an opportunity for learners to expand on the knowledge they already have, helping learners realize their potential through exciting opportunities outside of the

classroom to learn more on the career paths they have chosen. The Learner Focus Week is a Department of Energy flagship project that focuses on empowering learners with information on the energy sector week long programme.

The learner focus presentation was headed by Ms. Tebogo Magolego and Ms. Traphosa Ntswelenswe, officials from the Department of Energy.

Forty Learners who attended the briefing were selected from all the nine districts within KwaZulu Natal namely:

- ❖ Umgungundlovu District
- ❖ Pinetown District
- ❖ Ilembe District
- ❖ Zululand District
- ❖ Umlazi District
- ❖ Umkhanyakude District
- ❖ Ugu District
- ❖ Uthukela District
- ❖ King Cetshwayo District

Learners will be part of an on-going programme, where they will partake in different activities aligned with the energy sector, this will form part of their

mentorship and exposure to careers within the energy sector.



Mr Ben Singh from the Department of Education and learner, reciting the Universal prayer.



Mrs Mchunu from the Department of Education gave the word of welcome and purpose.



Ms Magolego and Ms Ntswlenswe, delivering an interesting presentation on Energy.

Learners are to spend a week in July being educated about careers in energy as part of the programme, exposure will be given to

Grade 12 learners. They are expected to write an assessment at the end of the week to test all they have learnt over the period. The assessment will be based on Physical Science, Life Science, Mathematics and the energy sector. They are also required to do extensive research, apply their minds and come up with innovative solutions to energy problems in a form of a project model.

Competition

Learners are tasked to develop models and or experiments reflecting how to enhance greater access to efficient, safer and cleaner energy appliances. To find solutions that meet challenges of climate change, energy security and environment, affordability and accessibility of energy. Encourage technological innovations and inventions in electricity, nuclear, renewables, hydrocarbons, energy appliances.

The competition seeks to recognize and reward learners whose innovations demonstrate creativity /innovativeness and provide solutions to an energy related challenge.

They are to present their findings and project model in April to adjudicators. This will be presented in the form of a project portfolio, PowerPoint presentation and their research model. A winning model will be chosen and bursaries awarded to top performing learners.



Department of Energy officials, interacting with learners .

There was a question and answer session; learners got a chance to interact with the guest speakers. The whole presentation was interactive throughout.



Mr.Cele gave vote of thanks & announcements.

When the proceedings of the day were done, The National Anthem was reserved to close off the event. The Department of Energy in partnership with the Department of Education successfully hosted the Learner Focus Week; it is a great contribution to the development and empowerment of learners.