

YOUTH COMMEMORATION DAY

The South African government declared June 16, 1994, as a public holiday for South African and commemorates a protest which resulted in a wave of protests known as Soweto uprising of 1976. The commemoration of youth day this year remarks 46th year of anniversary. The event was held at the uMzimkhulu TVET Collage Hall.

uMzimkhulu Municipality, under the honorable Mayor Cllr. Jabulile Msiya understands the fact that young people are the backbone of our country's future. It is true that political freedom is now achieved through the significant role

played by the youth of 16 June 1976. The challenge for the democratic Government is to encourage and motivate young people to get more involved in business, which is why the Municipality helped to create a youth movement (youth in business). This is part of an effort to make young people participate in local economic development.

As one of the leaders who attended the event, the deputy Mayor of uMzimkhulu Municipality Cllr. Bhekamahlongwa Lukhakhayi noted that the leadership understands that there is still much to be done in developing the youth of uMzimkhulu. The youth of uMzimkhulu is currently facing a high rate of unemployment thus the uMzimkhulu municipality has identified a need to address this underlining issue through youth entrepreneurial outreach programmes which are conducted through the 6 uMzimkhulu municipality zones.

The honorable Mayor Cllr. Jabulile Msiya gave a word of appreciation to the young people for coming out in to celebrate this special day. The mayor further informed young people with artisan qualification to utilize services that are offered by the uMzimkhulu incubator. The mayor also encouraged young people with artisan certificate to collaborate with the uMzimkhulu Rapid Incubator to conduct a trade test which is a final integrated summative assessment for an artisan qualification certificate.

Under the theme "Promoting sustainable livelihood and resilience of young people for a better tomorrow" uMzimkhulu municipality saw the need for a Youth Council to discuss issues. The skills of the youth in uMzimkhulu municipality. Are impressive as there are also youth structures in place.

The mayor announced that the University of KwaZulu Natal (UKZN) in collaboration with the Municipality will be offering training of about 130 youth in agricultural sector prospects. In the 2021-2022 budget they have selected 3 intrapreneurs with functioning business.



The Three companies benefited from the budget were **Msiznet Trading** from Ward 3 Ntsikeni the Municipality bought Building Blocks Machine(electric blocks making machine) ,JoJo tank 5000 liters, Mngeni Sand 10 m tube mini load, Crusher dust 10 meter tube load, 56 Bags of cement (50kg) the project costed the Municipality R118,000,00.

Panda-more Enterprise from ward 16 the Municipality bought laundry equipment; laundry hanging tables, time operator wash, dry cleaning equipment the Project costed the municipality a total amount of R219,500,00 the service provider already delivered the equipment handover by the Municipality is expected to happen soon.

Lastly **Nm Squeaker Cleaners** from Ward 13, the company produce or makes cleaning detergence's such liquid soap for dishes, handy Andy, the Municipality Bought Raw materials and electric mixing tank, Water tank so that will be able to harvest water during rainy seasons, as the District of Harry Gwala has water challenges. the project costed the Municipality a total amount R304 624,00.

The event was attended by the Honorable Cllr. Jabulile Msiya, Harry Gwala District Speaker Cllr. S Mdunge, Deputy Mayor Cllr. B lukhakhayii, Speaker Cllr. Gugulethu Mavuma, Chief whip Cllr. Bonakele Kleinbooi, chairperson of LED Committee, Youth Council