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This year marks the 46th anniversary of the 16 June 1976 student uprising in Soweto, when young people

protested against the imposition of Afrikaans by the apartheid regime as a medium of instruction. The up-

rising ended tragically with hundreds of young people being brutally killed.

The 2022 National Youth Month and Youth Day was celebrated under the theme: 'promoting sustainable livelihoods and resilience of young people for a better tomorrow'.

From the struggles of the youth of 1976, we have learnt that there is nothing that young people cannot achieve when they are united and committed.

We have come far as young people in this country but we still have a long way to go as millions of young people are still unem-

ployed, we are still dealing with the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse in our communities and the biggest monster of our time; gender based violence and femicide.

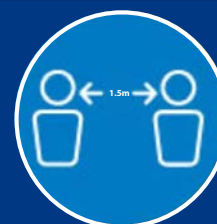
Young people must be inspired by the 1976 generation to look beyond their immediate circumstances and pursue their hopes and dreams. They must create livelihoods by pursuing their business ideas, focusing on their studies and always looking for opportunities for development.

South Africa closed off Youth Month on a tragic note after 21 young people between the ages

of 13 and 17 tragically died at a tavern in East London. Not only are their deaths a loss to their loved ones but we are at a loss as a country because these young people were the leaders of tomorrow. What began as a harmless and fun event ended up claiming the lives of 21 youngsters.

May their young souls rest in peace

Mrs L.P. Mahasa
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ONE ON ONE WITH KEITUMETSE SEKWE



Who is Keitumetse, tell us about yourself?

Keitumetse Sekwe is a born-again child of GOD who is not ashamed of spreading the gospel of JESUS CHRIST. I am a principled woman and a graduate of the Central University of Technology with a degree in Project Management.

I am also a Bible school graduate as well as a qualified mentor and coach. I am an entrepreneur at heart and an author of two books.

My first book is titled; Write Me Off (at Your Own Peril) and the second one is Conversation With My Ex (The Lies We Believe About Intimacy).

I'm a Steward at Pearls of virtue, a ministry that advocates for transformation, revival and change through JESUS CHRIST. I'm a wife, mother and a woman whom GOD has entrusted with messages of hope and restoration. I travel vastly from time to time, honouring invitations for preaching, motivational talks or team building programmes.

Tell us more about your second book and what inspired you to write it?

My second book is called *Conversation with my Ex (The lies we believe about intimacy)*. It is a book that comprises of 10 chapters that entail advice to women who stay in toxic relationships especially with men who are emotionally unavailable to them. Sadly, many of us women allow ourselves to be blinded by "love", we end up allowing men to emotionally and psychologically abuse us at the expense of our self-worth. Look, being controlled and hurt is traumatizing, it often leads to confusion, feelings of doubt and even self-blame. My book warns women against such degrading treatment from 'unavailable men' who try to worm their way into our lives.

How is this book different from the first one?

My first book has 13 Chapters and it is a motivational and inspirational book for women who have lost all hope and are prone to the judgement of the world and people who are quick to write others off. It is specifically for women who suffer from low self-esteem and don't feel a sense of belonging.

My second book simply cautions women not to accept bad behaviour from men. It often seems like it is easier to stay in an unhealthy, dysfunctional relationship than to end it and make a clean break, but one has to realize

that we all deserve healthy love. It is better to end something and start afresh than imprison yourself in the hope for the impossible. My book simply encourages setting clear and healthy boundaries.

Both your books are for the empowerment of women, what are your thoughts on Gender Based Violence (GBV)?

It is my prayer that every woman should come to an understanding that sexual, physical, verbal, power, financial and any other form of abuse is not her fault. Many women in our country succumb to abuse by their partners leaving children, families and friends grief-stricken and often feeling guilty for having not been of assistance to the victim. The justice system must send a strong message to men, a message that demands them to take responsibility for the domestic abuse and trauma that woman, children and families at large are exposed to. Regardless how powerful and well-known the perpetrator is, justice must be served!

What motivates you in your everyday life?

Love, love in all acts of service motivates me as well as growth.

Can we expect any more publications from you?

Yes indeed, my third book is already in its conception stage.

MS. L.P. MAHASA
MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture
and Recreation

**The MEC for
Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation,
Ms. Limakatso Mahasa wishes to
congratulate Junior Dilape,
a learner from Curro school in
Bloemfontein, for winning the
Freestyle World Championships
held in London from the
24-26 June 2022.**

Congratulations!

DSACR HOSTS RURAL SPORT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN PHUTHADITJHABA



This year marks the 46th anniversary of the 16 June 1976 student uprising. Youth Day commemorates the Soweto youth uprising of 16 June 1976. The day is about paying tribute to the learners who sacrificed and laid down their lives fighting for freedom and the

right to equal education.

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The Department of

Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, in partnership with the Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality, Maluti A Phofung Local Municipality, Free State House of Traditional Leaders, Netball, Football and Athletics Federations hosted a sports day with the youth of

Phuthaditjhaba in Qwaqwa to commemorate Youth Day.

The Rural Sport Development programme was aimed at developing sport and providing a platform for the youth in that area to showcase their talents in various sporting codes

such as netball and football. The Rural Sport Development programme that was launched nationally in 2016 is focused on areas that are under Traditional Leadership.

The day started with a fun walk from Tsheseng Shopping Centre

to Thibella Outdoor Sport Centre where all the other activities, including indigenous games and aerobics took place.

In her keynote address the Member of the Executive Council (MEC) for Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Mrs Limakatso

Mahasa pleaded with the youth to stay away from drugs and alcohol. Mrs Mahasa further encouraged young people to stay in school and use opportunities and programs such as this one to keep themselves occupied. "We all know that an idle mind is the devil's work-

shop. Many of you end up misbehaving because you have too much time in your hands. Use your time wisely and turn the negative energy into positive energy and be the change that you want to see in your community", stated Mrs Mahasa.

The MEC also

used her address as an opportunity to educate the young people gathered at Thibella Outdoor Sports Centre about the significance of June 16. "There are people who died for you to enjoy the freedom that you are enjoying today. The youth of 1976 did not have it easy. They went to

school under very difficult conditions and many of those young people gave up on their dreams because the conditions were not favourable. Don't let their sacrifices be in vain", the MEC concluded.



THE MAGNIFICENT WEDNESDAYS SCHOOL SPORTS LEAGUE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED IN THE MOTHEO DISTRICT



The Free State Department of Education in partnership with the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation launched the Motheo District Magnificent Wednesday School Sport League at the Dr Petrus Rantlai Molemela Stadium in Bloemfontein on 3 June 2022. The league was launched under the theme 'revitalisa-

tion of the school sport leagues that encourage learners to take part in extra and co-curricular programs'. The aim of this league is to render support to curriculum delivery in schools, eliminate social ills that hinder the delivery of quality education, identify learners' talent and expose them to possible sports career paths.

15 000 learners drawn from 85 schools in Mangaung filled the Dr Petrus Rantlai Molemela Stadium for this sports extravaganza. Learners from schools all over the province will partake in soccer, netball and volleyball on Wednesdays with those finishing in top positions qualifying for the finals in September 2022.



THE JUNE 16 SOWETO UPRISING

“There is no place for the (Bantu) in the European community above the level of certain forms of labour... What is the use of teaching the Bantu child mathematics when it cannot use it in practice? That is quite absurd. Education must train people in accordance with their opportunities in life, according to the sphere in which they live.” -HF Verwoerd: South African Minister of Native Affairs (Prime Minister from 1958-1966), outlining the apartheid government’s education policies in the 1950s.

Unpacking the act

The Bantu Education Act, No. 47 was introduced in 1953. This act was later renamed the Black Education Act. It legalised several aspects of the apartheid system, in the process, enforcing racially separated educational facilities and ensuring further oppression of black children. The South African Minister of Bantu Education and Development, MC Botha, issued a decree in 1974 that made the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction in black schools, compulsory from Standard 5 (now grade 7) onwards. The African Teachers Association (ATASA) launched a campaign against the policy, but the authorities implemented it anyway. It is well known that one of the fundamental differences between the experiences of whites and blacks in the Apartheid era SA was education. Whilst the battle against enforced education in Afrikaans was eventually won; the apartheid government’s Bantu education policy meant that black children did not receive the same opportunities as white children.

Soweto students were quoted as saying *“We shall reject the whole system of Bantu Education whose aim is to reduce us, mentally and physically, into hewers of wood and drawers of water”*.

The rise of the Black Consciousness Movement (BCM) and the formation of South African Students Organisation (SASO) raised the political consciousness of many students across the country. Several meetings were held leading up to this protest on 16 June 1976. It is estimated that well over 7 000 school children participated in this protest, led by SASO. Meant to be a peaceful protest, it soon turned into a bloodbath as the South African Police (SAP) used live ammunition. History tells us that the first child to be shot was Hastings Ndlovu and the first one to die was Hector Peterson. Images of the police firing on peacefully demonstrating students led an international revulsion against South Africa as its brutality was exposed; with the image by photographers like Sam Nzima exposing the brutality of the apartheid police.

It is also important to note that the protests were not only about the use of Afrikaans as a medium of instruction but also included the content that children were taught, the funding from government, and school infrastructure amongst other things. It is also worth noting that imbalances in the education system did not only commence after the passing of the Bantu Education Act but such injustices had long been in existence.

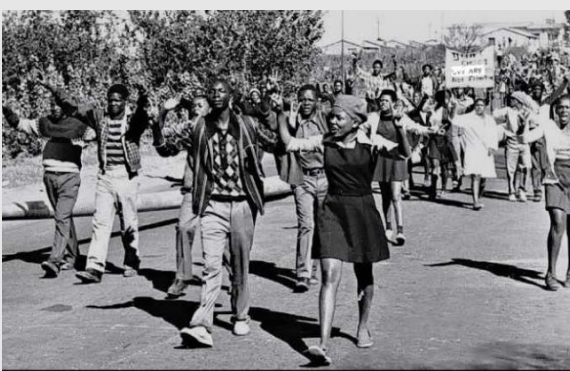
Soweto Uprisings triggered a surge of student protests in centres around the country including Free State, bringing young people to the frontline of anti-apartheid protest. After this, a number of influential youth organisations were formed and scores of young people joined liberation movements in exile like the ANC and PAC in their armed struggles.

It is important for us to look at the fight against these injustices not only as an event which took place on 16 June 1976; that would be a serious injustice. There were numerous events, meetings and planning that went into this and even more-so, events that came after this date. For example, two weeks before the Soweto Uprisings, students from Makabelane High School in Qwaqwa challenged the Qwaqwa Education authorities as early as May 1976. At Moroka High in Thaba Nchu, a female residence was burnt in protest. We therefore can place the Free State in these protests and how instrumental scholars were in the fight against these injustices.

This day is now commemorated in South Africa as the National Youth Day. Some concerns faced by the current youth include academic exclusion, financial exclusion, lack of opportunities, and unemployment taking centre stage. Young people are competing with adults who still want to hog spaces and refuse to allow them to take up their opportunities and “cement themselves” - in the words of Miss Universe, Zozibini Tunzi. These people who should be halfway out the door and only serving as advisors and mentors continue to play gatekeepers. Perhaps the youth of 1976 should self-introspect. How do we prove ourselves when opportunities aren't granted to us?

Written By: Ntando Mbatha

DSACR: Heritage service



PROVINCIAL WINTER SCHOOL SPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS (PWSSC) RESTAGED IN MANGAUNG

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation in conjunction with the Department of Education restaged the Provincial Winter School Sport Championships from the 16 – 18 June 2022 in Bloemfontein. This comes after a two year hiatus due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The School Sport Programme has been identified as a foundation for Sport Development in the province and the country. School sport is a priority and foundation for sport development in the country; it is also a way to unleash and nurture the talent of our learners. School sport contributes to the development of motor capabilities and teaches learners the value of active healthy lifestyles and self-discipline. Schools in the districts participated

in the trials from the zonal level, clusters level and the district level on 04 June 2022 and 11 June 2022. The games culminated into the provincial trials that will be held to select the provincial teams. The selected learners will then represent the province at the Winter National School Sport Championships (WNSSC) to be held in Stellenbosch, Western Cape and Benoni, Gauteng from 03 – 07 July 2022 and 11 – 16 July 2022 respectively. Furthermore, the football U/15 boys and girls will stand a chance to represent the country at the African Schools Championships and the athletes stand a chance to be nominated for the Ministerial Bursary and placement in the Sport Focus School for further nurturing of their talents.



Free State Premier: Ms. S.H. Ntombela
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YOUTH DAY
16 JUN 2022

YOUTH MONTH
46TH ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE 16

YOUTH MONTH LAUNCH
16 JUNE

"Promoting sustainable livelihood and resilience of young people for a better tomorrow"

#YouthDay2022 #YouthMonth2022 #YouthMonthLaunch

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RURAL SPORT
Development Programme
YOUTH DAY CELEBRATION

To be Hosted in collaboration with
The House of Traditional Leaders

07:00 AM **JUNE 16 2022**
THIBELLA OUTDOOR SPORT CENTRE(QWA-QWA)

ACTIVITIES:
Fun Walk
Neball
Football

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FSPG INTERPRETERS DATABASE & SURVEY

Dear Colleagues,

The management of language services rendered to the Free State Provincial Government is centralized and located within the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR). Therefore, we are in the process of updating our database of Interpreters with the following language combinations:

English – Sesotho – English
English – Afrikaans – English
English – IsiXhosa – English
English – Setswana – English
English – isiZulu – English
South African Sign Language.

Stakeholders often ask the DSACR to confirm whether the interpreters they want to use are capable of the job or not. Therefore, it is vital that we have accurate personal information to share with stakeholders and accurate contact information as well. The information you have provided will be kept confidential, and will be used to compile the departmental database.

Kindly complete the questionnaire and return it via email to nunai@sacr.fs.gov.za or fax to 086 607 4260 or drop it off at Business Partners Building, Corner Henry and East Burger Street, Bloemfontein room 305 . Please share this with other SASLIs that you know.

Please submit your completed questionnaire by 30 May 2022.
For any queries, please contact Me. Tsholo at 051 410 4801 or email nunai@sacr.fs.gov.za.
Thank you in advance

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The MEC for the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation, Ms Limakatso Mahasa Congratulates **KATLEHO BONGO** know as **Afro ToniQ** for his **SAMA AWARD NOMINATION** for **ARTIST OF THE YEAR**. She wishes him the best of luck with his nomination and urges all Free Staters to help make Afro ToniQ's dream a reality by voting for him.

Limakatso Mahasa

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