



MEC for Sport, Arts, Culture & Recreation: Ms L.P. Mahasa

Christmas Message

Dear DSACR Partners and Stakeholders

Christmas is a specially sacred and blessed time of year. It is a season of love and goodwill towards all; a time for reunion of families and close friends; for reflection on the year past and the year that lies ahead; a time when we reflect on what we could have done better and what we intend to do better in the year ahead. Despite the challenges we have faced over this past year, I am proud of the work we have done as a department.

I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your continuous commitment and hard work. I am truly thankful for your tremendous efforts and contributions.

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Safe and Prosperous New Year.



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DSACR HOSTS A BOOK WRITING WORKSHOP



When Ms K Nkhabu, saw the gap in access to information about book writing and publishing; she requested the Language Services Unit of the department for their as-

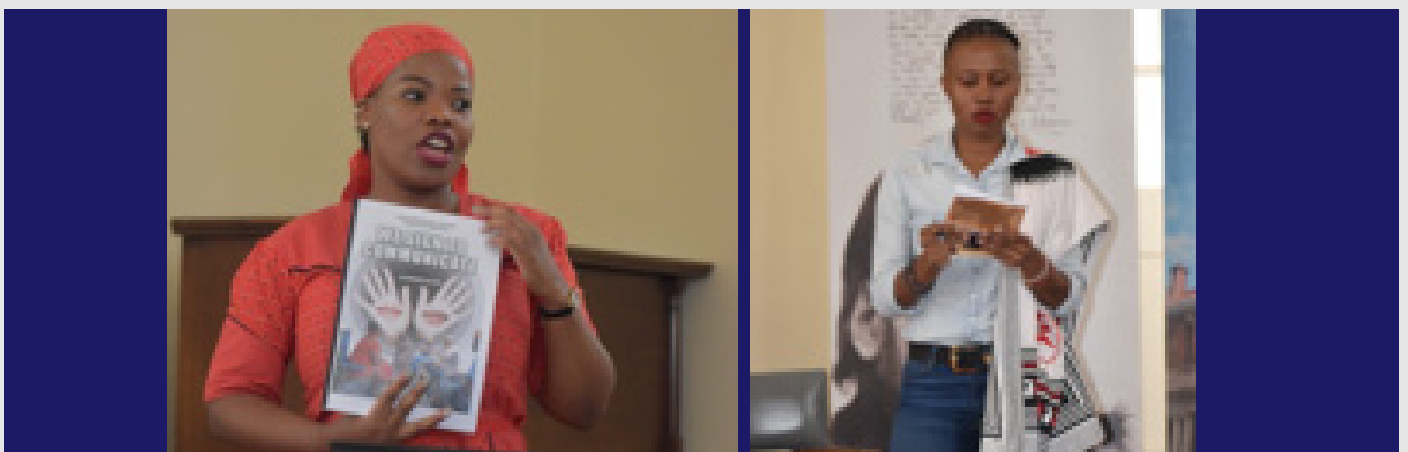
sistance in the form of a workshop for everyone who has an interest in book writing and publishing.

This workshop was held on the 29th November 2022 with officials

of DSACR. The department is rich with published authors who also shared their experiences about book publishing at the event. This includes eBooks as well as the proc-

esses to follow towards a successful book publishing. Authors present were Dr. Mahanke who conducted the session, Ms Ntando PZ Mbatha, Ms N. Masasa and Mr T. Masolane.

Delegates in attendance expressed their gratitude for this platform and articulated a need for more sessions such as this one



THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF MAMA WINNIE MANDELA HOUSE AS PART OF THE RECONCILIATION MONTH PROGRAMME IN BRANDFORT



On 08 December 2022, the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture, Minister Nathi Mthethwa officially handed over the house of Mama Winnie-Madikizela Mandela to the Free State Provincial Government.

This follows the completion of the refurbishment of

the historically significant 'House Number 802' in Brandfort where the late liberation struggle heroine and stalwart was banished to by the apartheid government. In effort to honor and remember the late Mama Madikizela-Mandela, the government of today restored, and refurbished

the iconic dwelling house and bombed clinic, converting them to interpretative spaces, and a multi-purpose centre with an internet hub and Wi-Fi facilities.

The Free State Premier, Ms Sisi Ntombela, and Provincial Department of Sport, Arts and Culture MEC, Ms

Limakatso Patricia Mahasa also joined Minister Mthethwa in launching the 2022 National Reconciliation Month at this iconic house, a fitting tribute to Mama Winnie Madikizela-Mandela who was also a symbol of reconciliation.

In addition, Premier Sisi Ntombela

handed over twenty five (25) contracts to young people who will be undergoing the Artisan training programme and seven (7) more previously unemployed graduates who received internship opportunities within provincial government departments.



TEAM FREE STATE SENDOFF FUNCTION & HANDOVER CEREMONY OF SPORT EQUIPMENT AND PLAYING ATTIRE

On Friday 10 December 2022, the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation staged a sendoff function for Team Free State learners who were departing to Pretoria to participate at the Summer National School Sport Championships from the 9 - 14 December 2022.

A total number of 269 boys and girls including learners with special education needs (LSEN) for the blind and intellectually impaired were selected during trials held in

all five districts of the Province. The selected teams participated in Basketball, Cricket, Gymnastics, Goalball, Kgathi, Morabaraba, Rugby, Softball and Table Tennis at the national games.

Ntate Matsaneng, Acting Director for School Sport, Arts, Culture and Values from the Free State Department of Education delivered the message of support from his department. Ntate Matsaneng emphasized the important role that sport plays in the overall development of learners. "We need

more young people to be actively involved in sport at school level. Our children no longer play which is why we have such a high rate of drug addiction and teenage pregnancy in the country. Sport enhances social cohesion and can help combat crime in our communities", said Mr Matsaneng.

Mme Nokuzola Thamae, acting HOD for the DSACR, pleaded with the learners to be on their best behavior during the duration of the tournament. "This

is an opportunity that many other young people are yearning for, make use of this chance and know that we are behind you every step of the way. Remember that you are going to these games as ambassadors for the province. Please make us proud both on and off the field", said Mme Thamae.

The sendoff function was preceded by a handover of sport equipment and attire to 75 identified previously disadvantaged schools in the province residing

within Quintile 1 – 3. The schools were identified in collaboration with Department of Education based on a proportional division per district which resulted in the following breakdown: 12 schools from Fezile Dabi, 15 schools from Lejweleputswa District, 20 Schools in Mangaung Metro, 24 Schools from Thabo Mofutsanyana District and 4 schools from Xhariep District.



The following schools were the recipients of the sport equipment and playing attire.

Fezile Dabi District	Thabo Mofutsanyana District	Lejweleputs wa District	Xhariep District	Mangaung Metro
Qalabotjha S/S Renyakalletse P/S Falesizwe S/S Phomolong P/S Moepeng S/S Sarel Cilliers S/S SHS Mofube P/S Rebatla Thuto S/S Thuto ke Tsela P/S Zamaleka P/S Bekezela P/S Tjhabatsohle P/S	Meqheleng P/S Mohalatladi P/S Molibedi P/S Motsepuwa P/S Mphatlalatsane P/S Intutukho Katleho Monontsha I/S Mookodi S/S Morena Tshohisi I/S Moriting wa Thuto S/S Mosioua Lekota S/S Moteka S/S Mohale P/S Mohato S/S Mohlakaneng I/S Mohlodi-Thuto I/S Mojatshohle P/S Molapo S/S Metsi-Mantsho S/S Miri P/S MJ Mohlahli S/S Mmathabo S/S Moemaneng P/S Mohaladitwe S/S	Allenridge P/S Ikemisetseng P/S Ouma Tsopo P/S Adeleide Tambo Kgatelopele S/S Diphetoho S/S Loboneng P/S Malebogo P/S Dealsville P/S Setshabelo P/S Lebogang S/S Phahameng S/S Dr Mgoma P/S Venterburg I/S Mamello S/S	Wongalethu P/S Relebohile Sibulele S/S Ipetleng S/S Thabo Vuyo S/S	Bainsvlei C/S Navalsig S/S Commtech S/S Kagisho S/S Seroki S/P Monokotswai S/S Kgorathuto S/S Bartemia SP/S Le Roux P/S Petunia S/S Tjhebelopele P/S Tsholetsang P/S Tsoeletso S/S Dr Blok S/S BFN South S/S Relebeletse P/S Rosenhof SP/S Matlafalang P/S Eersteling P/S Kaelang S/S



NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP

The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation together with the National Department of Sport, Arts and Culture; Free State Department of Education and Love life hosted the 10th National Youth Camp from the 3rd to 10th

December 2022 in Clocolan, Free State.

The aim of the camp was to contribute towards an active young population which is; cognisant of its environment, mindful of its challenges and determined to overcome them.

Inspired by their sense of patriotism, discipline and national identity whilst still proud of their youth and unique talents! The youth camp aimed to reach youth from different backgrounds and races. The participants of the

camp were chosen during a rigorous selection process. Interested Grade 9 learners from all districts of the province were invited to write an essay on themselves and the challenges that they are faced with in their communities as well as

possible solutions to those challenges. 120 best essay writers (60 males and 60 females) from farms, township, rural and urban areas were selected to partake in this year's National Youth Camp.



UGANDANS HERITAGE SITE TOUR



On 24 November 2022, Heritage and Museum Services hosted Ugandans living in South Africa and took them on a heritage site tour. The tour was graced by dignitaries from the royal house of Bugandi, dressed in their attires to signify their beautiful culture.

The delegates expressed their

appreciation for social cohesion and an important exchange of cultures. After the informative tour by our colleagues from NALN, Sesotho Literary Museum and Provincial Museums, the delegates stated their wish to visit again to experience more of these sites and in particular, the diverse cultures.

