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March was an eventful month for DSACR. On 21 March we celebrated Human Rights Day, under the theme “Consolidating and Sustaining Human Rights Culture into the Future”. The history of Human Rights Day is grounded in the Sharpeville Massacre that took place on the 21 of March 1960, where apartheid police killed 69 anti-apartheid protesters. Human Rights Day also honours

35 people who were killed on 21 March 1985 when apartheid police targeted community members after a funeral at Uitenhage/Langa. Our calendar of events was busy as we hosted events such as the Annual Mine Dance Festival, the eagerly awaited Film and Television Summit which will see the Free State province making its mark in the film and television industry was also hosted on the 19th of March. We also hosted a farewell function for our young patriots. We wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours and I sincerely hope that the knowledge and skills that they learnt from the programme will be of

great benefit to them and their communities.

Our Special Programmes and Human Resources Units hosted two very impactful events. The Career Expo hosted in Virginia, afforded young people in Lejweleputswa an opportunity to be exposed to the wide variety of careers that are available for them. Special Programmes also held an important event for people with disabilities. These members of our society are often marginalised and there aren't many career prospects that accommodate their special needs, this event will definitely go a long way in the development

of these equally important members of our society.

The month of March promotes respect for basic human rights for all, restores and upholds human dignity in line with the Bill of Rights. This period also honours those who fought for liberation, and celebrates the many rights guaranteed under the Constitution, which are the basis for building a united and inclusive, non-racial, non-sexist and prosperous society.

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FILM AND TELEVISION SUMMIT



The Free State Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) hosted the Film and Television Summit at the President Hotel in Bloemfontein from the 30th to the 31st March 2023. Renowned Film and Television producers, directors, editors and playwrights graced the event with their presence to give support and guidance to upcoming artists.

The purpose of the summit was to consult with content creators and key role players in the film indus-

try. The Free State content creators were equipped with knowledge on how to develop innovative methods of storytelling, access funding, and distribute their work in order to shape a socially responsible motion picture industry. Delegates from four of the five districts of the Free State attended the summit.

The Film Summit also focused on the ever-expanding opportunities for filmmakers, the content they create, and the business side of the film making. This summit was presented at a time

when it has become apparent that there is a need to reconstruct and recreate a new dawn for the current generation of local filmmakers. There is a need to catch up with the changing patterns of film content consumption, distribution, exhibition and positioning in a Pan-African context.

During his maiden State of the Province Address (SOPA), the Premier of the Free State, Mr Mxolisi Dukwana, made a commitment to the effect that a Provincial Film Commission will be es-

tablished this year. This summit will serve as a platform to educate the industry role players on the necessary steps to be taken in establishing the commission. A working committee that will work with the department and other film stakeholders towards the establishment of the Free State Film Commission in the next financial year was established at the summit.

The commissions' primary mandate will be to advocate for the interests of Free State Filmmakers and establish relationships

with any local or international stakeholders who may contribute to the development and promotion of the film industry in the Free State.

The Interim Free State Film Steering Committee members who will oversee the establishment of a functional structure are; Ms Maboreng Maharaswa, Ms Refilwe Mochoari, Ms Dikeledi Mtimkhulu, Mr Monyane Tekateka, Mr Morena Berries, Mr Thomas Malebatso, Mr Tony Kgoroge, Mr Motlatsi Mofokeng, Mr Molefi Sompane and Mr Lazarus Mkhunazi.

THE YOUNG PATRIOTS PROGRAMME AWARDS



The Young Patriots Programme is supported by the Department of Arts and Culture (DAC) through the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA).

The key objective of the programme is to conscientious youth about our national identity and culture, and to create job opportunities for youth within the arts, culture and herit-

age sector. The Young Patriots Programme acknowledges the role played by young people during the struggle for liberation and to ensure that young people today, are involved in social cohesion and nation building initiatives.

Government carries a responsibility to instil confidence and pride amongst the youth by educating young people about their

history, heritage and the role played by other young people in the struggle for national liberation and thereby inculcating a sense of appreciating the South African democracy today.

The program targets out-of-school youth and they are placed at DAC entities and community libraries. 33 young people from the Free State took part in

the learnership programme. They were placed at various Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) centers such as museums, libraries and art centers for a period of 12 months.

The department together with NYDA hosted an event

to thank them for their dedication and the patriotism they showed for the past 12 months, now that they have completed their training they will go back and uplift their different communities with the skills and knowledge that they acquired from the programme.

MINE DANCE FESTIVAL



The 2023 Annual Mine Dance Festival took place on the 19th March 2023 at the Vuyo Charles Stadium in Thabong Welkom. This festival provides a platform and opportunities for miners to interact with the community and transfer indigenous knowledge of various cultures. This year, the festival continued to present competition in various traditional dances such as:

- Ndlamo
- Hupe
- Mohobelo

28 groups from different mines around the country took part in the competition. Performing groups were from Kloof, Driefontein and Mponeng Mines (Carltonville), Doorenkop (Randburg), Beatrix and Harmony (Welkom), Sibanye and Impala (Rustenburg), Orkney and Thaba Zimbi.





ANNUAL FREE STATE MUSICON COMPETITION



Free State Musicon has been staging the solo instrumental and singing competition for the past eleven years. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic the competition did not take place for two years.

The competition resumed with its 12th edition in December 2022. The purpose of the competition is to create a platform for school going instrumentalists as well as soloists of the Free State Province to display

their virtuosity. The 12th edition of the Free State Musicon Provincial Annual Solo Instrumental Competition which was held in December 2022 was divided into 3 categories , open section; 15-

18 years and 7-15 years age groups. The 13th edition of the Free State Musicon Provincial Annual Solo Singing Competition was held on the 23rd, 24th and 25th March 2023 at the Musicon

hall in Mangaung. Soloists who took part in the open section were from the Eastern Cape, Western Cape, Free State, Gauteng and Lesotho.



CAREER EXPO IN VIRGINIA



On the 24 March 2023 the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation (DSACR) hosted its first ever career expo in partnership with the Department of Education (DOE) and Youth Empowerment Organisation (Non-profit organisation). The initiative was in response to the Objective 2.1 of the National Skills Development Strategy III (NSDS), Section 4.6 that says – public service should encourage and support cooperatives, small enterprises,

worker-initiatives, NPOs, NGOs and community training initiatives through dedication of National Skills Fund (NSF).

The NSDS III, Section 4.8 further states that – there's a lack of guidance to direct young people to programmes for which they have an aptitude, and which provide training in areas needed in the country's economy. Therefore skills development systems must dedicate necessary resources to support career and vocational guidance as this

has proved to be a critical component in successful skills development initiative world-wide. Both SETAs and the NSF respectively must seek to build career guidance initiatives in their sectors and generally as key components of the NSDSIII.

Grade 10 learners were targeted for the expo, this is because they are at that critical stage in their schooling where they have just made their subject choices for the 2023 academic year and those are the subjects that

they will most likely carry through to grade 12 and enrol at institutions of higher learning. The Career Expo event was held at Marematlou Secondary School in Virginia and was attended by more than four hundred grade 10 learners from different schools around Virginia such as Virginia High School, Meloding High school and Reatlehile Secondary school. Representatives from DSACR, DOE, Food and Beverage Seta, Department of

Labour, local businesses as well as NPO's, addressed the learners and shared with them the many career opportunities that are available in the various fields of study.

The event organisers, Ms Nomzi Mbhele from DSACR, Ms Kholeka Maposa from DoE and Mr Thabiso Sekhejane from Youth empowerment organisation were applauded for leading the team that was able to put together this important event.



WOMEN CAPACITY BUILDING



March the 8th marks the annual International Women's Day where the world celebrates women and commemorates the social, political, and economic achievements of women. The campaign theme for 2023 is; #EmbraceEquity.

The Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation hosted its 2nd Annual Capacity Building Programme in celebration of International Women's Day. Female officials from level 2 to 9 were this year's honoured guests. When addressing

the officials, the Acting HOD Mme Nokuzola Thamae spoke about the importance of recognizing the important role that these officials play in the department irrespective of their rank or level. She encouraged the officials to continue with the excellent work that they are doing. "You might think that your work is insignificant and that no one sees your efforts. But I can assure you that we do see it and one day it will pay off. Your work and contribution is just as important to the department as that of your superiors",

said Mme Thamae.

The programme director of the day was Mme Sbongile "Sbosh" from Lesedi FM. The officials were also treated to a musical performance by the talented Noxy. Comedian Shaun Dihoro lightened the mood after Mme Matsoso from the Department of Health spoke about the importance of mental health. The highlight of the day was a motivational talk by Moruti Sekete.

By the end of the event all the guests concurred that they had gained so much knowledge

and that this session was much needed.

According to the event organizer, Mme Dipolelo Hou (Deputy Director for Special Programmes). The objective of the event was accomplished as her aim when organizing

this session was to acknowledge the efforts and inputs that the officials are putting into department.

"The best way to celebrate a woman, is through capacitation and empowerment", said Mme Hou.



ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP



The Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation through its Special Programmes Unit hosted an Entrepreneurial Skills Development Workshop for youth with disabilities. The workshop was done in partnership with NGOs such as Dyslexia South Africa and Boithuto worx.

The workshop was informed by the Job Access Strategic Framework Disability Indicators, under Strategic Objective 4 that says special programmes must adopt a wide set of

options in order to promote economic empowerment of women and youth with disabilities, with Sub-Objectives set out as follows:

Sub-Obj 1: Focus on economic empowerment of persons with disabilities in various policies and economic development programmes.

Sub-Obj 2: Form partnerships to work towards economic empowerment of persons with disabilities including youth and women.

Sub Obj 3: Implement programmes for poverty allevia-

tion for persons with disabilities including youth and women in rural areas.

These Sub-Objectives are outcome based

-persons with disabilities as a priority group are included in all programmes hence inclusion of youth with Dyslexia especially those in Sport, Arts and Culture sector.

- that partnerships contributing positively to the sector are formed with NGOs and that designated groups are strategically identified within strategies and

programmes such as training in economic development initiatives/entrepreneurship.

The attendees of the entrepreneurial training will receive their accredited certificates of participation as well as referrals to the various units within the department which are relevant to their artistic or sporting careers. "From an artist perspective, today's program was very important and it taught me the in's and out's of how to start my own business. I would like to

start my own recording label and or an NGO to support black youth business owners. Another session would be greatly appreciated". Neo Letlotlo Mosenkutu

My name is Katleho Moloji, one of the delegates, I have learned lot, and I have been exposed to new information. This program was very effective because I even got to learn how I as an artists with Dyslexia can benefit by using my special skills". Katleho Moloji

BUDGET VOTE 2023 HIGHLIGHTS



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INTRODUCTION
 During the last Financial Year, the Department managed to achieve on 88% of its planned targets.

This means that the programmes that we had planned and committed to implement as per our Annual Performance Plan and the Strategic Plan were implemented in their majority.





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PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- For the 2023/2024 Financial Year the department receives a total budget allocation of 633 million 328 thousand rands which represent a decrease of about 4% compared to 2022/2023 allocation of 665 million 733 thousand rands. In 2024/2025 the total allocation will be 643 million 966 thousand. And in the 2025/2026 financial year the department will receive budget allocation of 663 million 839 thousand rands.
- Our process of filling vacancies is continuing to unfold as per our recruitment plan.
- Training and Development has also been prioritized through provision of bursaries to officials and creating opportunities for internship and learnerships.





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PROGRAMME 2: CULTURAL AFFAIRS

- BASOTHO NEW YEAR CELEBRATION**
 On 6 August 2022 Basotho and cultural enthusiasts descended on the Basotho Cultural Village near Qwa Qwa for the annual Basotho New Year celebration. This landmark and very important event in calendar of Basotho people will continue to be celebrated in this financial Year.
- DR K.P.D MAPHALLA LECTURE**
 In our quest to develop previously marginalized languages and to honour our legends in African literature, the department launched annual Dr Maphalla lecture in 2022. The second annual lecture was held on 24 February 2023 in partnership with the University of the Free State. This lecture will be sustained into the future.





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- FILM COMMISSION**
 A Film Summit was held on 30 and 31 March 2023 to discuss the Free State Film Commission. An Interim Steering Committee consisting of film and television producers, film and television directors, film and television editors as well as film and television playwrights was established.
- MINE DANCE FESTIVAL**
 Mine Dance Festival was celebrated in Welkom through the Free State Arts and Culture Council in partnership with the national Department of Sport, Arts and Culture.





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- COMMUNITY MEDIA**
 As a people centred department, we have supported Community Media in the Free State with an amount of R100 000 each.
- THABA LEBITLA AND HEROES MONUMENTS**
 Heritage Free State has in February 2023, provisionally declared a site in Springfontein believed to be graves of black people buried during South African War. There are also alleged mass graves in Thaba Lebilla in Winburg; A research team has been constituted which consists of historians, and archaeologists amongst other expertise. This team will conduct research on the above-mentioned sites as well as in Thaba Nchu camps.





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- 437 COALBROOK MINE DISASTER – 21 JANUARY 1960**
 on 21 January 1960, 437 miners perished in Clyse-Dyle Coalbrook mine. No efforts were made by apartheid government to retrieve their bodies which still remain buried 180 meters underground. The Rejuvenation Community in Sasolburg has been at the centre stage of ensuring that this massacre is recognised and the mine is declared a heritage site. The department will play an integral part of this project and assist the group to achieve its noble objectives.
- ARTS AND CULTURE AWARDS**
 The department will stage Arts and Culture Awards that will include all genres of the sector. These awards will go an extra mile in ensuring that our artists are recognized, acknowledged and appreciated for the work they are doing in the industry as well as putting the Free State on the map artistically. The awards will also honour our fallen heroes and heroines who will be honoured posthumously.




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- GOSPEL MUSIC AWARDS**
 The department will partner with Free State Gospel Music Awards (FREESGOSMA) to honour our gospel artists who have made strides under this genre.
- FREE STATE CREATIVE ECONOMY CONVENTION**
 The department will host Free State Creative Economy Convention in July 2023. This Convention will include a number of sectors within the mandate of our department such as Film, Heritage, Literature, Arts and Culture to name but few.



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- MANGAUNG AFRICAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL (MACUFE)**
 The 2022 MACUFE hosted more than 50% of our local artist performing at different genres and the main festival. To be precise out of 6 were our local artists in the Free State.
- The MACUFE Homebrew programme, which is a developmental programme meant to provide participation opportunities exclusively for local artists, provided this opportunity to about 145 Free State artists.
- The department also hosted MACUFE District Auditions where all winners were given a platform to perform and showcase their artistic talents at MACUFE Homebrew event in Bloemfontein.



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PROGRAMME 3: LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES SERVICES

- Library and Archives Services received an allocation of 252 million 771 thousand rand in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.
- Equipment for visually impaired was procured and installed in three (3) libraries which are Phirtona, Morojaneng and Smithfield. Three (3) more services for the visually impaired will be installed at Qalabotjha, Moemaneng and Phomolong libraries during 2023/24 financial year.
- As part of support to emerging authors a total of 21 968 books were procured. R1,1 million was spent on books from local authors and book sellers and R2 million was spent on women book suppliers.



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LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES SERVICES

- The Department will continue to support youth and women businesses and authors. 40% of the budget will be channelled to books produced by young aspiring writers and women.
- ICT services are presently provided to 169 libraries. The services will be three (3) new libraries by end of the Financial Year. Plans are in place to consider implementation of robotics in libraries in partnership with National Library of South Africa during the new financial year
- FREE STATE PEOPLE'S READING JAMBOREE (REJABUKA)**
 For many years the reading festival has been a programme that is entirely depended on conditional grant. In this financial year, the department will also make a significant financial contribution to massify this noble festival as a flagship programme.



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PROGRAMME 4: SPORT AND RECREATION

- The Sport and Recreation programme is allocated a budget of 131 million 119 thousand rand in the 2023/2024 Financial Year.
- Provincial Indigenous Games programme was held in Thaba Nchu on 3 September 2022 as part of a quest to promote indigenous knowledge and heritage as well as active participation in sport amongst communities.
- Sport Awards which aim to reward Free State sport stars in various sporting codes and keeping the passion in sport were held in August with the Media Launch on 19 August 2022.



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- National Recreation Day and Big Fun Walk/Fun Run was staged in Bloemfontein/Mangaung on 05 November 2022 to promote healthy life style and social cohesion. This programme will also be massified as a flagship programme.
- This year, South Africa is hosting the first ever Netball World Cup in Africa which will be hosted in the Western Cape. As the province we will host the Trophy Tour from the 19 to 23 June. As part of Netball Legacy, we will receive one Netball Sprung Floor facility from Netball World Cup office once the Tournament is finalized. Netball Coaches, Umpires and Administrators in the province will also be trained to drive the Netball League in schools and our communities as part of legacy development.



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POOL TABLE TOURNAMENTS
 In an endeavour to grow pool table, the department will partner with the sector to host the first ever provincial pool table competition that will involve every town in the Free State.

ANDREW MLANGENI GOLF DEVELOPMENT CHAPTER
 Andrew Mlangeni Golf Development Chapter is one of the department's flagship programme. The tournament will be hosted in Clerence in partnership with June and Andrew Mlangeni Foundation.





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BOXING – NELSON MANDELA DAY
 This year, the Nelson Mandela Day will be celebrated in the district of Xhariep. In honour of Nelson Mandela, department will partner with local boxing promoters and Boxing South Africa to host a boxing extravaganza in Xhariep.

COSAFA UNDER 20 GIRLS' TOURNAMENT
 The province is delighted that Council of Southern Africa Football Association (COSAFA) has partnered with Mangaung and Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation to host the 2023, 2024 and 2025 COSAFA under 20 girls' tournament in Mangaung.










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