

The KwaThema SDA Hosts a Career Expo

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The KwaThema Seventh Day Adventist church hosted a career expo on Sunday, 6 November 2022, for young people still in high school and post-school. The aim of the expo was to advertise career opportunities to the youth after matric. "When I grew up, I had challenges in not knowing what career path to follow. I had no one to guide me and as a result, it took me a while to get into a career I loved. I made mistakes before choosing one," said Mzwandile Nkosi, the director of the church's education department.

Youth empowerment in KwaThema has been at its peak over the past few weeks following an event that was hosted in the community aiming to empower girls in particular and also encourage boys as well. Learners are not only encouraged to stay in school but also exposed to different career paths to help them know which is better suited for them. They come to realise that they have different options.

Some of the careers that were represented during the expo were Medicine (Medical doctor), Legal studies (Advocate and attorney), Engineering (Environmental, mechanical, chemical and electrical), Chartered accountancy, Human resource management and career guidance coach. Information Technology and Software development, Digital strategist, Entrepreneurship, Language practitioner and Journalism. Most of the representatives of the different careers were young people from the church whom when asked to inspire, guide and advice young people accepted and honoured the invite.

The career coach also helped young people who have come out of high school and universities who are looking for work on tips on how to draft curriculum vitae, how to prepare for an interview, what to expect, how to behave during an interview. The event was fun especially for the young people still in high school as it was the first of its kind to be hosted by the church, which they hope to make an annual event to help uplift young people and encourage them to take different career paths to diversify skills in the working class community.

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