

Unemployment A Huge Problem in Western Cape

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The African Water Commons Collective (AWCC) participated in Khanya College's two-day activism journalist workshop in Cape Town. The AWCC is a group of water justice activists based in Cape Town. The workshop spanning two days was for activists and community members from all over Cape Town. These workshops were aimed at empowering and educating activists especially women on writing and research skills so that they tell their own stories, struggles and experiences in their communities.

One of the main issues raised was unemployment in our communities. Marlon a young man from Salt River shared that he is working for two families; he says that his family members are not working, and he is the only breadwinner in his household. My family members are actively looking for employment, but they struggle to get employment to help in the household, adds Marlon.

In Cape Town, people of all ages line up the streets every morning seeking any kind of employment. A lady from the Democratic Republic of the Congo says that she is married with two children, and she also struggles to get employed; she said she would love to work for her family.

Jessica, also unemployed, said that as an older citizen, it is difficult to get employed. When there are vacancies available, they only employ the youth, which is between the ages of 18 and 35 years. Jessica highlighted one of the most devastating realities facing people in South Africa, where people over 35 years old are no longer employable.

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