

Community Education and Training Colleges speak out

Minister of Higher Education and Training, Dr Blade Nzimande, recently welcomed the first and newly appointed Community Education and Training (CET) Colleges Council members at an Inauguration Ceremony.

Both the Lesedi and Umhlobo Wenene radio stations afforded the Department a platform through interviews to communicate the purpose and vision behind the establishment of these Community Education and Training Colleges.

Subsequent to the inauguration ceremony, another radio phone-in programme took place at the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS) studios with the following colleagues taking charge:

1. Mr T Msipha (Project Management Office – Function Shift)
2. Ms T Masondo (Director: CET Unit Institutional Planning and Support)
3. Mr D Diale (Director: CET Unit – Curriculum Development).

The GCIS Radio Phone in Programme afforded DHET an opportunity to address CET College matters through the 67 community radio stations across the country.

This followed the establishment by DHET of the nine Community Colleges which are now responsible for the administration and management of the merged three thousand two hundred and seventy six (3,276) erstwhile Adult Education and Training Centres, which are now known as Community Learning Centres.

Not since the establishment of universities and the erstwhile Technikons and Technical Colleges has there been a completely new form of a public education and training institution in South Africa: this is the first new institutional form in the post-Apartheid South Africa and specifically targets Adult Learners.

To listen to the radio interviews please click on the links below.

<https://soundcloud.com/governmentza/dhet-programme-8-sep-2015>

<https://soundcloud.com/lesedi-fm/lerato-mpopo-taling-to-mr-david-diale>

<https://soundcloud.com/lesedi-fm/lerato-mpopo-talking-to-dr-modise-manota>