



Educational Projects



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NEWSFLASH

1st July 2011 Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



FIRST OF THE DECLAN COLLINS SKILLS CENTRE, DON BOSCO EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS QUALIFY.

Young people from the Finetown - Ennerdale area South West of Johannesburg who graduated on the 30th June 2011 with certificates in either plumbing, carpentry or brick laying.

This was a defining moment for those who stuck out the intensive eleven week courses in each of their particular skills. The group that started was about thirty all together....some dropped out along the way for various reasons. It is not easy to get down to the time-keeping, discipline of work and learning each day but the above group are all smiles because their efforts have paid off. It is a small beginning but a BIG step.

One of the two ladies who started in the courses qualified in carpentry. As one of the group testified: when he arrived he could only write "plumbing" now he can DO plumbing.

These three skills are the first to be introduced at the Centre, thanks to the generous and patient work of Jugend Dritte Welt in Bonn, Germany. Welding and Electricity are now in the pipeline with the modules being prepared for the next batch of trainees.

The trainers have already been employed and are helping with the setting up of the courses, both theory and practical according to the unit standards in place for the trade. This will give five skills in demand for unemployed young people to learn. Life-skills will be another component for all the trainees.

Fr Gore, Chairman of the Board, reminded the graduates that this was only a stage...more had to be done. Their craft had to continue to improve as well as their determination to find work and build up their CV. Just dreaming about getting to places will not get them there. There is a need to continue being disciplined, awake to the fact that steps have to be taken, stages of development worked through.

Present for the function were the Salesians of Don Bosco as also the Salesian Sisters. We were pleased to welcome the presence of Board Members and representatives from Thabiso Skills, Catholic Institute of Education. Thanks were expressed to the staff and Mr Alan Kichenbrand for their hard work. Refreshments were prepared for the celebration which followed the graduation. □



Montseng Charlotte Zondo receives her Carpentry Certificate from her trainer.



Fr Francois Dufour, Provincial of the Salesians of Don Bosco, addresses the assembly of trainees and trainers and invited guests at the very first Graduation Ceremony of the DCSC.

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LAURA VICUÑA SCHOOL

Hot news off the press is that two generous donors have come forward to ensure that the Laura Vicuña School at the Don Bosco Educational Projects is completed. The artisans are on site as I



write hammering in the ceiling boards. Next will be the window frames, glass, and doors. The electrician and the plumber have been around to receive their instructions. Our grateful thanks to the donors as also to Aura Projects for seeing that it all comes together. It is planned that in six weeks time seven classrooms and an ablution block will be ready for occupation. Unfortunately, while the electricals will be in place, we are still waiting for a connection to the mains. □

COMPUTER SKILLS TRAINING

The computer skills has been running for some time, firstly in the Salesian Sisters House, then in the Salesian Novitiate, 7th Avenue, but now it has moved to its permanent home at Don Bosco Educational Projects.

We have seen many students passing through this course. With more space, and hopefully more funding the course is set to grow. It continues to be a popular course for the youth. □



Students in the new Gompels Computer Room the day after the computers were installed.

CRAFTS

As mentioned in the last newsletter the crafts are also preparing to move from the parish hall into their designated room at the Don Bosco Educational Projects complex. □