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Community Newsletter

Young Women Reach New Heights!!



Two young women from the Northern Cape, Marshe Struasse (23) and Kezia Souw (26), are building exciting careers in wind energy. As Junior Hoist Technicians, they are part of the Cable Replacement Project at Noupoort Wind Farm, led by Siemens Gamesa Renewable Energy.

Trained through the Global Wind Organisation, Marshe and Kezia are now working at heights, safely lifting cables and tools inside turbine towers. Their journey highlights the power of skills development and female empowerment in the renewable energy space.

*Looking ahead, both Marshe and Kezia are determined to continue growing in the wind energy sector. **"We want to build our technical and leadership skills, connect with mentors, and continue building our careers."***

Building Up Young Entrepreneurs in Noupoot

Earlier this year, we welcomed 15 bright young minds into our entrepreneurship programme, hosted at the Noupoot Hub.

Hosted over three days, the programme focused on sustainability and business development, equipping participants with practical tools, from business planning and budgeting to pitching and renewable energy insights.

The programme concluded with a pitching competition, where participants presented their business ideas to a panel of judges. The top three winners each received a R1,000 grant to kickstart their businesses.

"This opportunity gave me the skills and confidence I needed to grow my business," said 26-year-old Zikhona Siko.



Local Emerging Farmers Empowered!

In partnership with the **National Development Agency**, we supported a week-long co-operative training programme benefiting 30 local farmers, including the newly formed Emntla Koloni Farming Co-operative.

This initiative focused on building governance and compliance skills to support sustainable farming and local economic growth. Participants, many of them women and youth, received training on NPO and tax legislation, co-operative governance, e-filing, and annual returns.

"We've gained essential skills and knowledge from the training, which we're committed to applying as we grow and manage our co-operative. We're optimistic about the future and excited for what lies ahead."- Bongeka Stofile of Emntla Koloni.



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