

Women councillors visit the women miners

Westonaria - As part of Women's Month celebrations, Westonaria Local Municipality - through the Office of the Speaker - organised several events in honour of women who have made a difference in business.

The Women in Business Summit invited women from the greater Westonaria to be part of a seminar which was a platform for networking and sharing of experiences on how to run successful businesses.

The Executive Mayor of Westonaria, Maserame Khumalo, urged women to be active in grabbing business opportunities that exist.

"Acquiring information on business is the key because information is power, and those that have information are empowered to succeed," said Khumalo.

Furthermore Khumalo pleaded with women to be supportive of each other's initiatives, be more willing to share experiences and avoid jealousy and the "pull-her-down" syndrome, which she cited as one of the stumbling blocks to women development.

In another event, Westonaria Local Municipality organised an underground visit to Kloof Gold Mines to experience life of women working underground.

A group of female councillors from the municipality, women from local NGO's and council officials were part of the visit.

These women were accompanied by a delegation of senior female officials from the department of minerals and energy.

The two-hour underground visit took place on 24 August where the women put on their mining gear and took the opportunity to experience a morning in the life of a women miner.

The Vice President of Kloof Gold Mines, Peter Turner, welcomed the women during a brief address where he took them through a short presentation on how the mining business operates.

During the presentation, the head of human resources, Vincent Mathlala, pointed out that out of 15 000 workers in the mine, only three percent are women and they are working very hard to ensure the number increases.

The Westonaria Local Municipality together with Teba Bank also took this opportunity to give back to the community — 120 orphaned children received blankets and local NGO's received some uniforms to use during their work.



Heremina Mothobi, Ramokokoene Lhrestina and Man-yashe Momthandazo are listening to the executive mayor of Westonaria, Maserame Khumalo's, speech.



Phyllis Sithole and Motlatsi Radebe attended the Westonaria Local Municipality's Women's Day function.



Nomhlewisa Nhlapo and Ruth Rheyekwa are enjoying the Women's Day function.



Kuld Modise, Dimakatso Masupa and Maggie Tshoose are enjoying the Women's Month function which was held by the Westonaria Local Municipality.



Gogena Mampunga, Tanda Nkomo and Malihodi Masemoia was excited to attend the Westonaria local municipality.