



## social development

---

Department:  
Social Development  
**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**26 NOVEMBER 2012**

### **MEDIA ADVISORY**

#### **MINISTER DLAMINI TO ADDRESS YOUNG PEOPLE AT THE NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP**

The Minister of Social Development, Ms Bathabile Dlamini will on Sunday, 2 December 2012, officially open the National Youth Camp that will be held in the Free State Province.

The Camp will bring together young people from all provinces and will run from 2-7 December 2012 under the theme: "Youth Working Together in Diversity".

The Camp is organised within the context of the Masupatsela Youth Pioneers Programme and the main objectives is to amongst others, develop positive bonds amongst young people, promote tolerance, social inclusion and respect for diversity, as well as to promote young people's civic engagement and active citizenship. One of the key outcomes of the Camp is to encourage young people to establish youth clubs throughout the country and to champion youth-led development initiatives.

Speaking at the media briefing on preparations for the National Youth Camp, Minister Dlamini said:

"The central goal of the National Youth Camp is to engage youth as active and reflective citizens of our country. It will provide a forum for joint reflection and dialogue among young people and policy makers".

The week-long programme will follow the Masupatsela Youth Pioneers Programme accredited curriculum and focus on other pertinent issues such as sex and reproductive health rights, substance abuse, peer pressure, youth unemployment, etc.

Government departments and entities including the National Development Agency (NDA), Departments of Defence and Military Veterans, Basic Education, as well as Higher Education will participate in the programme and present various packages on issues affecting youth.

The event will be held as follows:

Date: 2-7 December 2012

Venue: Die Brug Military Camp, Oliehouthoutplaas, Bloemfontein

Time : 10h00

Media is invited to cover the event.

For Media RSVPs contact: Jaconia Kobue: 082 313 4673 or Ipeleng Morake: 071 850 8630

For Enquiries: Lumka Oliphant: 083 4848 067/ [LumkaO@dsd.gov.za](mailto:LumkaO@dsd.gov.za)  
Lindo Nkomonde: 082 790 6108 / [Lindokuhle@dsd.gov.za](mailto:Lindokuhle@dsd.gov.za)

**ISSUED BY NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**