

WESTERN CAPE PREMIER ALAN WINDE OPENS BAVARIAN HOUSE



The Premier of the Western Cape Alan Winde officially opened the Bavarian House at The NEX-Indawo Yethu in Delft on Saturday 4th December 2021.

Purposely built for Dual Vocational Training and Education that will be facilitated by the Southern African – German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bavarian House is located at The NEX campus- a multipurpose community centre and home to NGO HOPE Cape Town.

“I welcome the official opening of the Bavarian House, which is the brainchild of both the Western Cape Government and the Free State of Bavaria, and will serve as a centre of learning, entrepreneurial skills development and vocational training for our young people,” said Premier Winde.

“This is a testament to the strong relationship that we have with the Bavarian State. The recent quarterly labour force survey shows us that our unemployment figures are at all time low, and we especially see this among our young people who are becoming increasingly discouraged from pursuing work or training opportunities. Bavarian House aims to challenge this and will focus especially on young people from our most disadvantaged communities.”

“Among the key facets of this centre, and of which I am so proud of, is that it is ensuring that our young people are equipped with skills in major industries in the province. In the ICT sector in particular, they are ensuring that young women hone the necessary skills and do not miss out on opportunities in which they are typically under-represented. Bavarian House is matching the demand of our major industries, with the skillset of our young people – ensuring that they have access to fulfilling and prosperous employment opportunities,” Premier Winde added.



“The work of HOPE Cape Town in the last 20 years and its move into a holistic development approach covering health, early childhood development, youth, education, and vocational training was only possible with the help of trusted partners: the Free State of Bavaria, the Government of the Western Province and the City of Cape Town,” said Rev. Fr Stefan Hippler, Executive Chairperson of the HOPE Cape Town Trust.

“The Bavarian House, Resource Centre and the vocational training happening currently are the proof, what partnerships between countries, provinces, NGO’s and government can create in synergies to better the life of people in a sustained way.”

Matthias Boddenberg, CEO of the Southern African German Chamber of Commerce, and official Representative of the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Economic Development and Energy in South Africa jointly officiated with the Premier at the opening.

“Bavarian House with its classrooms, resource centre and library will house prospective learners enrolled for the SAGCCI’s dual vocational training programme in Logistics and Freight Forwarding,” Boddenberg said.

“We are looking forward to the expansion of our training initiatives in the Western Cape.” This quality model of education will make it easier for young people to access the labour market. It also enables workers to improve their productivity, to learn faster on the job and to raise their incomes and living standards. Poor quality education locks people out of the labour market or traps them in low paying, low productivity work. This is the modern day context in which one of the most exciting educational projects in South Africa is unfolding. The Dual Vocational Training and Education programme is a far reaching and ambitious plan to restore and re-empower youth to achieve a high level of learning and experience.

In addition to the Dual Vocational Training, HOPE Cape Town HOPE offers a three-month Entrepreneurial Skills Development programme that was written after conducting an assessment of the situation of a typical township youngster. Even when finishing matric, often there is a gap between what a college would require to be a successful student and what the learner brings to the table with his matric. The programme provided by HOPE Cape Town aims to bridge this gap by providing missing components of what is needed to either start an own small business or to continue studying at a college. The first group of students participating in the programme will graduate in December and have already set about to establish a local car wash that will not only put into practice the skills learnt in the programme but also serve as an ongoing legacy project to benefit future participants.



Certificates were handed out to successful Mentorship Training Candidates by Premier A Winde and Matthias Boddenberg



Entrepreneurial Skills Development Programme students engaging with Premier Winde and Dr Izane Reyneke, CEO of HOPE Cape Town



Standing (from left) Hanns Buehler of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, Minister Ivan Meyer, Premier Alan Winde, Minister Tertius Simmers, Director General in the Premier's office, Dr Harry Malila, Matthias Boddenberg, CEO of the Southern African German Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Rev Fr Stefan Hippler.
 Seated (from left): ward Councillor Michelle Adonis, German Consul General Tanja Werheit, Minister Sharna Gail Fernandez, Mrs Beverley Schaefer, Deputy Speaker of the Western cape Provincial Parliament, and Minister Debbie Schaefer.



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