

Youth Month 2021

1 – 30 June



The Year of **Charlotte Mannya Maxeke**: Growing youth employment for an inclusive and transformed society



South Africa is fortunate to have a youthful nation. However, the recent unemployment statistics pertaining to young people is cause for concern. The 2020 fourth quarter Labour Force Survey found that about 8,6 million young people aged between 15 and 34 years are not in education and not in employment.

In helping drawing more young people into the economy, government has under the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention initiated various youth development and empowerment initiatives to support young people.

It ranges from formal education and training; learnerships and internships as well as support for youth entrepreneurship. Our initiatives provide the necessary support for young people to take on their challenges and win.

During this month of youth, government and its agencies such as the National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) will host a number of engagements, including youth expos, dialogues and youth entrepreneur hubs to showcase opportunities available to young people.

The declaration honours of the contribution of the youth in the struggle for the liberation of South Africa. This year National Youth Day and Youth Month will be celebrated under the theme: **“The Year of Charlotte Mannya Maxeke: Growing youth employment for an inclusive and transformed society.”**

The entire country is encouraged to participate in Youth Month by recognising the present and future role of the youth in shaping the socio-economic landscape of the country.

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