

Introduction of film to township youth

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Pathways to productions in partnership with Sharing Hope And Leadership in Kliptown (SHALK) celebrated and gave a platform for its film students to showcase their final film products. The screening of the final film products took place on Sunday, March 15 at Soweto Hotel and Conference Centre.

Pathways to Productions has dedicated its time to come back to Soweto and teach film to the youth. They held a camera workshop on February 25 and an editing workshop on March 2 at the US embassy at Rosa Parks library in Jabavu.

The main aim of the workshops was to solidify storytelling through film among the youth in South African townships. They have succeeded in educating, empowering and equipping their students with the rightful skills and knowledge to conquer in the film industry.

Through these workshops, the students learned the importance of storytelling through film and how to create their con-

tent. The students successfully showcased their final film products at the screening. The group of students were divided into two production teams and were assigned mentors to help them with the whole production and each team managed to create a storytelling film.

The first team produced a documentary on load shedding in Soweto titled Soweto must pay. The documentary detailed the hardships faced by Soweto residents because of load shedding. The second group produced a short film about being book smart and street smart which explained that everyone can be smart in different ways. Both productions were great and got standing ovations from the audience.

All students that participated in the programme received certificates and flash drives that contained their films and mug shots that they can use for their profiles. One of the students, Bontle Moloi mentioned that the experience was amazing. "Learning about film and production was good and the different activities that we had taught me a lot. I will continue to tell stories and produce content together with

my team," said Moloi.

Keith Terrell who was a mentor to one of the teams stated that he loved working with the team and explained the hardships that they faced. "It was an incredible experience working with these students. We had some difficulties here and there but everything came together in the end."

The founder and executive director of Pathway to productions, Orla Manning explained to the students how proud she is of them. "I am so proud of each and every one of you, all of you have accomplished what you came here to accomplish and that makes me so happy."

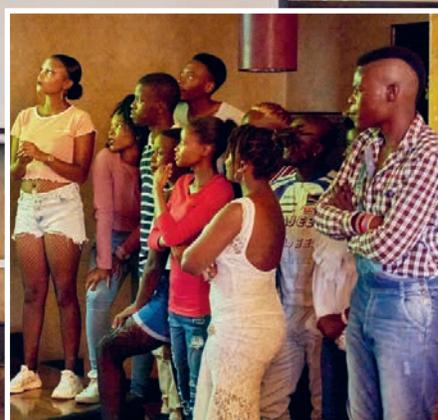
"I want to also say that anything that you do in life that is great is going to be tough, but it is the things that come after the tough part that you are going to enjoy so keep at it and keep working hard," continued Manning.

Following the screening, an expert panel discussion and a question & answer session on how to break into the industry was held to help the students understand how the film industry works and what is required of them. The panel consist-

ed of writer and producer Rethabile Ramaphakela, film director and writer Keitumetse Qhali, Kofi Zwana who conducted the workshops and it was moderated by former student of the programme, Nthabiseng Ganya.



Orla Manning and Keith Terrell congratulate Palesa Mokhali as she receives her certificate (supplied image).



The second team watch their film.



Some of the contenders from previous pageants- Image supplied

Attention young Beauty Queens!

Miss Secondary Soweto is calling for young beauty queens from all over Soweto to go and compete for the title of Miss Secondary Soweto 2020. The pageant is open to teenage girls aged 14 to 21 living in Soweto and in high school, it doesn't have to be a high school based in Soweto.

According to the organisers, Miss Secondary Soweto is an annual event that is meant to bring together teenage girls to

compete for the title of being an ambassador and a voice of teenage girls in Soweto. "Teen girls are the future women and the choices they make today will determine their tomorrow. We firmly believe that women play an important role in our society; Miss Secondary Soweto Pageant is an annual event aimed at developing teenage girls intellectually, socially and physically. We groom them to be women who will

lead us tomorrow. Be part of a pageant with a purpose," said the founder, Kabelo Modisane.

Entries to this pageant are now open. Girls, if you think you have what it takes to take the title or would like to inquire about the pageant, you may contact the Founder of the pageant, Kabelo Modisane on 084 825 0965, Registrations are FREE!

