



BENEFITING THE ENVIRONMENT AND SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

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ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT LOCAL SUPPORT



From left to right: Clayton Karna (De Aar Solar Power), Siyabulela Lena (New Tech), Nico Siyabulela Africa (New Tech) and Mpho Makhetha (Droogfontein Solar Power)

It's wonderful to be able to begin the year on a positive note and to reaffirm our commitment to our local communities. Our support is aimed at promoting access to the economy for local people by placing financial resources into our communities.

We recently handed over a vehicle, to the value of R340 263, to New Tech, a local 100% black-owned business based in De Aar. The vehicle is being used to transport employees to and from various sites and will allow them to expand their operation by securing additional business.

Our Enterprise Development programme accelerates sustainability of local businesses by ploughing resources into the local area.



INTERNSHIP TO EMPLOYMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Joe Manyelo and Sulana de Jager, two of our solar technicians, joined our business last year as part of the beneficiaries of the Globeleg Renewable Energy Scholarship Fund. They both graduated during 2016 and joined our team at De Aar Solar Power as permanent employees.

Joe Manyelo: *"The internship programme introduced me to the work environment where I learned the importance of work related relationships, responsibilities and logistics of being in an industrial environment."*

As Solar Technicians at our plant, Joe and Sulana's jobs entail both preventative and corrective maintenance, generating technical reports, plant production monitoring, overseeing operational specifications and of course further training.

Whilst interns they gained broad and in-depth experience and developed a range of skills directly related to the renewable energy sector, including both solar and wind energy.

Sulana, who has a B-Tech in Mechatronics from the Cape Peninsula University of Technology, says: *"I feel at home in De Aar and I would like to stay in the renewable sector to learn as much as I can."*





FETAL ALCOHOL AWARENESS
FARR COMMUNITY DAY 2016

Left to Right:
Grant Davey, Joe Manyelo, Sulana De Jager,
Lizee Bowles, Danny Botha and Neo Moima



De Aar Solar Power reaffirmed its support behind the Foundation for Alcohol Related Research (FARR), at last year's International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Awareness Day 2016. The awareness day brought the community of De Aar together to walk a 9km route through the town and surrounding countryside.

Earlier last year De Aar Solar Power delivered a sponsored vehicle to the Foundation for Alcohol Related Research to help the Centre and their staff to support the community of De Aar.

We fund various community programmes that are aimed at promoting access to the economy for local people and placing financial resources into local areas.

Left to Right:
Sulana de Jager, Neo Moima and Grant Davey



INSPIRING LEARNERS
MINISTERIAL CAREER DAY

The De Aar Ministerial Career Day was held at the De Aar Community Hall and gave us the opportunity to present information on our scholarship programme, the Renewable Energy Scholarship Fund (RESF).

Learners had the chance to find out about the importance of Mathematics and Science as subject choices through to Grade 12. These subjects open doors, including the chance to study Electrical Engineering and perhaps apply for the sought after De Aar Solar Power Internship programme.