



MOBILE BUSINESS UNIT DRIVES ENTREPRENEURIAL GROWTH

Entrepreneurs and micro businesses are getting enterprise development support from a custom-designed Mobile Business Unit, funded De Aar Solar Power.

It's the first of its kind in the Northern Cape, providing access to business and administrative services in the rural towns of Hanover, Britstown, Philipstown and De Aar. In addition to this, Business Advisors travel with the unit to help entrepreneurs with business advice and mentoring.

The Mobile Business Unit forms part of a bigger initiative, the Big Shake-up Accelerator programme, which aims to equip women and youth with opportunities and the skills to run a business, regardless of their education level.



"Considering that youth make up 32% and women 51% of the total population in the Pixley Ka Seme district, we are looking to support these groups," said Hlengiwe Radebe, Economic Development Director for De Aar Solar Power.



BUILDING STRONG READING FOUNDATIONS

"I think that reading is a fundamental life skill, if you can't read, you can't do much. These children really need the help, and I want to support them in their lives. I want to open up more opportunities for them and give them a strong foundation," said Aloicius Marks.



Aloicius Marks, a Grade 3 Reading Assistant at St Johns Primary School, is helping learners improve their reading and language development, as part of De Aar Solar Power's Literacy Programme.

Reading Assistants play an important role, as the teachers cannot always give learners the help they need to get up to speed, especially in classes with up to 40 learners.



WELCOME TO OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER



De Aar Solar Power has welcomed Harrisinah Theka into the team!

Harrisinah began her career as a community activist, which sparked an interest in working with people and community-based organisations, making her the ideal person to take on the role of Economic Development Officer. She is responsible for the implementation of the solar plant's enterprise and socio-economic development projects.

"I gain immense satisfaction from implementing a successful community initiative, especially when I can see the positive impact that it makes in people's lives."



EXTRA HELP IN MATHS IS NEEDED AT A YOUNG AGE

De Aar Solar Power's Numeracy Programme is boosting foundation phase maths, supported by trained maths assistants and school maths clubs.

Leo-Patrick Mackay, the Maths Assistant at Kareeville Primary School, believes that the role that he is playing is important for building strong foundations in mathematics.

"Large classes mean that teachers aren't able to give the necessary time and attention required by the children who have fallen behind. This is a vicious cycle as neither the learners nor the teachers are able to catch up."



SUPPORT FOR FETAL ALCOHOL RESEARCH



De Aar Solar Power is once again putting its support behind the Foundation for Alcohol Related Research (FARR) by funding the organisation's expansion into the rural Britstown community.

FARR will be able to provide assistance to this small community in the form of education and awareness programmes. Activities will kick-off with research into the impact of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome in the area.

