



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION/CAPACITY BUILDING AWARD – INDIVIDUAL

Joint Award

Mrs. Ruth Hlahu and Mr. NA Moloto

The winners of this category have displayed phenomenal initiative in getting their school's learners to understand environmental issues by introducing it into the curriculum.

Mrs Ruth Hlahu, an educator at Piet N Aphane Secondary School has gotten the learners, educators, the parents and the School's Governing Body involved in practical projects like cultivating their food gardens, planting and pruning trees, cleaning up community areas like taxi ranks and have coupled all this with the educational factor so that all may understand why these projects are important.

Mrs. Hlahu has been the initiator of these projects since 1998 and has often incurred personal cost towards community building and education, and has literally gotten her hands dirty in her effort to get the learners and the community to become conscious of their natural surroundings and how protecting this heritage will benefit all. She has been recognised within her community for her excellent service and continues to persevere in her contribution towards conservation education.

The headmaster, Mr. Moloto has been instrumental in facilitating these projects at the school and giving his full support in knowledge of the great contribution such environmental and conservation projects makes on even an individual level.

As a community leader, Mr Moloto is also instrumental in community upliftment and has been involved in projects which benefit everyone, from children to the local police. He has also been resourceful in developing and maintaining good relationships with various government departments and NGOs in the interest of his community members. His vision for future environmental projects is ambitious and exemplary and judging from his previous successes, very attainable.

For vision beyond the regular school syllabus and success in the ventures applied in their school and community and not least of all for getting everyone's hands involved in the quest for environmental protection and education, and also providing opportunities for community members, the joint award goes to Mrs. Ruth Hlahu and Mr NA Moloto from the Piet N Aphane Secondary School.