

TWEELING YOUTH CENTRE IS 'UNIQUE IN MANY WAYS'

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KEEP BUSY: Minister of social development Bathabile Dlamini, right, to open the youth centre. Picture: Neo Mvubu

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Minister of Social Development Bathabile Dlamini will today open a youth development centre in Tweeling near Frankfort. This is being done to help the youth in the remote area to gain information about training, study, government service and employment opportunities.

The Tweeling community's youth population stands at about 1700 and the majority are unemployed. Most people in the area depend on social grants and only a few have professional jobs. Apart from providing information on other issues such as HIV and Aids, teen pregnancy and crime busting, the centre is meant to keep the local youth busy with meaningful activities. The activities include sports, arts and recreation.

The multi-purpose centre is receiving praise for its world class facilities that include training and skills development, community services and income generating services, says MEC Sisi Ntombela's spokesperson Ipeleng Morake.

"The centre's attraction is the youth development element, as well as government services.

"Through the resource room and internet access at the centre, the local youth can obtain any information they want," said Morake. "They will need to know about study programmes in colleges and universities, bursaries, internships and other skills training programmes.

"We have been working in the area for the past three months informing people about what the centre is intended to achieve. We also work closely with the municipality," she said.

Minister Dlamini will be joined at the opening of the youth centre by Premier Ace Magashule, MEC Ntombela and other local personalities. Local artists will provide entertainment during the ceremony.

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