

EKURHULENI ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATION (EEO)

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Mining Dialogue



The Ekurhuleni environmental organisation held a mining dialogue on the 25th September 2014. The dialogue was held at the Holiness Church in Kwa /Thema. The young people in and around Ekurhuleni shared the stage when debating about the negative impacts of mining in and around the community of Ekurhuleni

including Kwa/Thema, Payneville and Grootvlei. According to EEO, the organisation saw the need to host the mining dialogue following the many mine shafts that have been abandoned in the township. Many children, when playing next to the abandoned mine, gets exposed to the dangerous chemicals that were used by

mines, the organisation will fight against the turning of mine shafts into illegal dumping sites in the townships. EEO promises the community of Kwa/Thema that the organisation will ensure that the communities are educated about the impacts of mining in the area where they live.



EEO Resource Centre Launch



**Ekurhuleni
Environmental
Organisation!!! FROM
ZERO TO HERO**

On the 3rd of October 2014, the EEO was launching and officially opening its Resource Center. Since inception Ekurhuleni Environmental Organisation was destined for success and the motivation is inherited from the Chairperson Mr. Meshack Mbangula. The organi-

sation started with a number of members not more than 10, that didn't become a hindrance to the success of the CBO, instead, every challenge that we came across was a stepping stone. We have been with the Bench Marks Foundation since 2009 and to date, we still

have a good relationship with the foundation and we are grateful for the acknowledgement and recognitions that we receive ever since. Today we have a Resource Center and newsletters to show for the continuation of the struggle. **EEO FROM ZERO TO HERO.**

Woman Empowerment

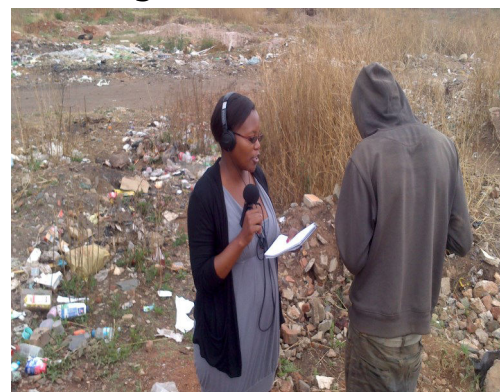
The organisation received recognition from Bobby. He introduced us to Shamin Meer to help us with our writings since Bobby saw that most of the articles written by woman in the monitoring school consist of social issues. This is a very great initiative for women in the EEO because at the end of our gatherings, we will pro-

duce a short story book that will circulate nationally. The ladies from the organisation have been doing well since we've started holding workshops of such calibre and the gentlemen from the organisation are fully supporting this venture that is taking place. The most interesting part of the workshops is that we get trained to voice out

our concerns in writings and that our stories come across as motivation and will be read by other woman who are soul broken and somehow receive motivation from our life challenges. The feminine members of the organisation applaud the masculine with the kind of support that they are providing for the book to become a success.



Tunatazama Radio Station / Monitoring School



EEO Members showing jubilation after the first radio show.

Tunatazama- Radio Production is an addition to monitoring School's activism tool. The mining communities' voices have gained a new medium apart from text and photography. EEO has managed to score a time slot every Monday on the local radio station EK FM; the initiative was brought to life

by the radio shows that we produced with the help of Marlin. The sole purpose of the radio slot is to inform, educate and communicate with the community members about social and environmental issues that are directly and indirectly affecting them. We are proud to mention that one of our

members (Siphesihle Phiri) through Bench Marks is a graduate with a Social Corporate Responsibility certificate. The monitoring school has been a cornerstone for the organisation as it is the only programme that has made us to realise our talents and skills and has kept us going for the past 4 years.



Ekurhuleni Environmental Organisation Team Members



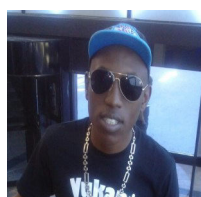
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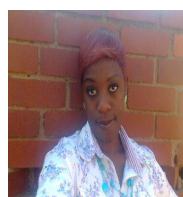
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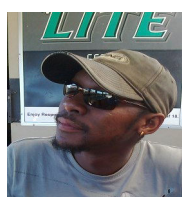
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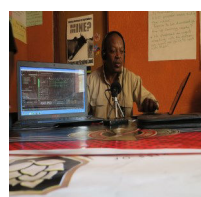
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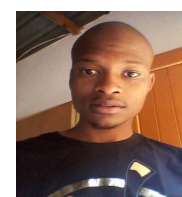
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