



MEDIA ALERT

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2ND EDITION YOUTH COLLOQUIUM

The National Youth Development Agency, in partnership with Nelson Mandela Museum, Walter Sisulu University, Fort Hare University, and Nelson Mandela University, will host the second annual youth colloquium on the 21st of May 2025. The colloquium aims to provide a platform for meaningful discussions on critical issues affecting South African youth today, focusing on mental health, gender-based violence (GBV), the aftermath of the Fees Must Fall movement, and other socio-economic challenges. The event will bring together students, academics, activists, policymakers, and young leaders to exchange ideas, share experiences, and create solutions to pressing societal issues.

The theme of the colloquium is titled **“Unlocking Youth Activism and Economic Participation.”** This theme will address key issues related to **“Equality, Inclusivity and Sustainability.”** Some of the key objectives of the youth colloquium aim to promote dialogue amongst young people, raise awareness and cultivate a culture of activism and innovation.

The colloquium will be graced by many esteemed guests that include the CEO of the Nelson Mandela Museum, Deputy Vice Chancellor of Teaching and Learning and various other stakeholders.

The keynote address will be delivered by Mr Mntuwoxolo Ngudle who is a youth activist that has led many youth structures and served in government.

Mr Ngudle is a former MMC for Roads and Infrastructure and former Spokesperson to the Executive Mayor of OR Tambo District Municipality. Mntuwoxolo currently serves as the Secretary General of the in the National Executive Committee of the ANC Youth League.

The details of the 2nd Edition Youth Colloquium are as follows:

- **Date: 21 May 2025**
- **Time: 09h00**
- **Venue: WSU Zamakulungisa Campus**

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