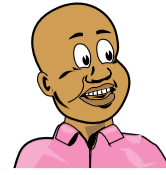


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'AI For Good' Youth Day 16 June 50th Anniversary event



The 50th instalment of Youth Day June 1976 Soweto student uprisings couldn't have arrived at a better tune at the "AI For Good" event that sought to bring light to learners from 5 Schools to participate in an empowering technologically infused AI hackathons at the Mdelwa Hlongwane Primary school in Pimville, Soweto. Sponsored mainly by Fashion World, GDG, Usfl. Stoep, Liberation Hub, AI foe

Good, the event brought together dignitaries, teachers, technology fundis and community members to empower learners giving away gadgets and goodies to bring about the spirit of learning, fun and hope to our aspirant youth. The introductory theme to the event developed as learners from participating schools namely; Diepdale Secondary, Namedi Secondary, Musi High, Fidelitas High and Madibane High were given the

opportunity as Bongani Nkomo from GDG (Google Developer Groups) addressed the learners as to how AI applies to their immediate lives and their responses on the platform on how they perceive its functionality as a resource base. Yazeed Osman, Co-founder of Liberation Hub and Managing partner of Usfl. Stoep compered the day's programme relaying how his company makes use

of digital technology to all his companies' solutions and stated that, "this day we channel the youth to acquire the ability to achieve the applicable solutions. "Today the world needs solutions from Africans. Our local mandate is to foster technological contributions, empowerment, support, with enabling AI tools to bring innovative practical ideas for success within communities." Continued on page 4

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Mpathy Clinic Relaunch and Handover



leading towards owning the clinic, while she still has working relations and support from Rhiza. The highlight of the support from the Department of Health is the men's programme 'Indoda Wednesday' focussing on men's health and related issues." Speaking on the launch, Linda Dunk-

ley, the Managing Director from Rhiza Ventures which Mpathy falls under, highlighted the importance of community based healthcare:

"The relaunch of the Naledi clinic reflects our commitment to ensuring that quality healthcare is accessible, dignified and local. By bringing services closer to where people live, we support healthier communities and improved health outcomes."

The highly successful event with momentous speeches arrived at a final watershed juncture as Gauteng Health District Director Dr Nthabiseng Metsing presented the official handover to Sr Sindiswa Nhlabathi, a stepping stone in affordable quality healthcare services. Residents of Naledi and surrounding areas are encouraged to make use of the clinic's services and to engage with available preventative and health promotion interventions.

Pictures: Jerry Sokhupe

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On Thursday 14 May 2026 stakeholders and dignitaries from the Health Department and various role players in government and society descended to the Mpathy clinic in Soweto, a stone's throw from the Naledi hall where the program relaunch took place. The well attended official handover of a low cost Primary Health Care clinic to Sr Sindiswa Nhlabathi could not have come at a better time as the community bracing the cold winter are the main beneficiaries of the much-needed efficient primary health-care.

The new clinic forms part of the growing Mpathy Network of nurse led primary healthcare clinics, designed to bring affordable, reliable, and community based healthcare services closer to underserved communities. The Naledi Clinic currently already provides primary health services, strengthening preventative care, early detection of health conditions, and continuity of care for residents in the area.

Mpathy Clinics operate on a model that combines professional healthcare delivery with local ownership.

Each clinic is run by a qualified nurse or an entrepreneur and supported by the broader Mpathy Network, ensuring clinical excellence alongside strong operational and business support.

Compered by ward 20 committee member in Naledi Oubase Mashiloane the who serves under the portfolio of Economic Development, addressed the audience stating that,

"the clinic has indeed been established close to the people, where previously they had to travel to neighbouring locations to access their healthcare."

In her keynote address coupled with loud cheering and applause from the audience, the ecstatic Sister Sindiswa Nhlabathi mentioned that, "hav-



ing grown up in Zola, "I wanted to give back to the communities close to my heart and the clinic is just proximal in Naledi!" She attributes her most support from the elderly patients, the Gogo's that raised her. "My clinic runs on a low cost and in-spite of opera-



tional demands we afford we offer a 50% less for our senior citizens." She mentions. "It's not about making profit but prioritizing our patients' needs. I'm inspired and encouraged in taking this responsibility in our community to innovate and change the perspective of primary health care to deliver and administer improved service. Working with Mpathy and Rhiza together we thrive to achieve the responsibilities afforded to us with the support of the Department of Health and

the implementation of the programs effectively pertaining to primary health care having achieved mobilizing the establishment of such similar structures in other Gauteng locations." Makae further stated that, "looking at the implementation of National Health Insurance (NHI) which is mainly based on primary healthcare, these are some of the opportunities that such clinics will help reduce the workload on our government facilities although minimal but the little that is done will go a long way. Furthermore, is also goes toward empowering of our nursing sisters in communities giving quality healthcare to the public."

the City of Joburg." Mojalefa Makae leading the City of Joburg's HAST (HIV/AIDS, STI and TB) programme, mentioned that as the health hub in the City they work with and support the Rhiza Babuile NPO initiatives to deliver services to the people in communities. "We partner with Rhiza in facilitating

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From the Rhiza Organization Professional Nurse Nompumelelo Mudalotho relates that her responsibilities are giving support and managing all Mpathy clinics. She explains that their clinics are Nurse led, consequently moving from Nurse-led to Nursepreneur or Nurse-owned. "Today's event is an induction where Sister Sindiswa moves from



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Harmony Launches Delivery Scooter Pilot Programme To Empower 100 Youth

Harmony Gold Mining Company Limited (“Harmony”) has launched the Harmony Delivery Scooter Pilot Programme on Friday, 26 June 2026. The Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiative is aimed at creating employment opportunities for 100 unemployed young people from the Mogale City, Merafong and City of Johannesburg municipal areas.

road safety education, assistance in obtaining motorcycle licences, workplace readiness training, and a New Venture Creation NQF Level 2 qualification. Participants will also receive access to essential resources, including smart-phones, mobile data, protective gear, delivery equipment and a six-month UIF-funded stipend. Following training, beneficiaries will be supported through mentorship and placement opportunities within the growing delivery services sector.

Harmony has invested approximately R3.5 million in the initiative as part of its commitment to youth development, skills training and sustainable livelihood creation in its host communities.

“Through this programme, we are investing in young people by equipping them with practical skills, recognised qualifications and access to employment opportunities that can improve their lives and strengthen our communities,” said Dr Mashego Mashego, Executive Director.

The initiative contributes to broader efforts to address youth unemployment while promoting entrepreneurship and economic participation.



Implemented in partnership with the Department of Employment and Labour’s Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), the Lulalab Foundation and Lularides, the programme will provide beneficiaries with practical scooter training,



Gauteng e-Government hosts G13 Hackathon

Jerry Sokhupe

Young people in Soweto were presented an opportunity by the Gauteng e-Government department to participate in a Hackathon that is earmarked to enable them to showcase their creativity, talent and technological development that took place on 18 and 19 June at the YMCA Soweto Campus at Dube, Soweto.

Dubbed ‘Build, Innovate, Impact!’ The G13 Hackathon Series is meant to position the youngsters as pilots of the program to bring solutions that will identify service delivery issues in communities through the use of AI.

Ward 38 Councillor Phindile Simelane spoke at the event that “as we have service delivery challenges in our wards, with this program our kids will help us hack and solve problems in our areas all the way from Ikwezi, White City, Orlando West, etc. Including Dube as the centre of the



ward where we are this day.” They will practically be assisting the City of Joburg with issues such as, faulty street light, potholes, water leaks in essence they will assist the councillor office, the City of Joburg and the

Provincial Government making use of technology to log in calls with the municipality and utilities empowered by the department’s technology infrastructure.

In his keynote address MEC for e-Government, Bonginkosi Dhlamini mentioned that e-Gov aims to digitize the services of all government departments. “We plan to bring services straight to your gadgets conveniently where you are as a citizen. While digitizing we also rolling out free Wi-Fi to our communities in schools, libraries, etc.

He encouraged young aspiring learners to study ICT courses as that is the future in digital economies.” MEC Dhlamini further stated that

“youth must help us solve problems by hacking issues such as unemployment and bring solutions to the fore.” Young people at large must not despair but take opportunities



receive training as developers and ICT Engineers!”

Songezo Mbambisa Acting Group Head Customer and Service Relationship Management under Group ICT and Information Management City of Johannesburg highlighted that, “as part of ICT we offer tailor-made training for the youth such as coding, Artificial Intelligence including issues of Mobile App Development.

The Digital Market Place empowers the youth providing them with the Youth Database platform that centralizes all their employment applications. We have the database that caters for individuals that require work in any specific field so that when something tangible comes, we are able to contact the applicants and place them accordingly.

The youth database is an online application portal where you just submit your documents enabling a person to be on stand-by cutting the tedious walk-ins of job seeking practice of physically handing over one’s CV and particulars. Concluded Mbambisa. The Hackathon Series has been rolled out across all five corridors of Gauteng, with the Provincial Finale Hackathon taking place from 29 to 30 June 2026. Pictures: Jerry Sokhupe



in ICT initiatives such as this program that we are implementing. We have received a total number of 150 young people who applied for the Hackathon from the five corridors in Gauteng and the top performers will be absorbed at Microsoft and subsequently

Youth uprising legacy incomplete without Economic Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities

The Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities (DWYPD) has reiterated its call for the inclusion of young people with disabilities in the economy to advance the legacy of the 1976 youth uprising. “The inclusion of young people with disabilities in the economy is vital for a fair and prosperous South Africa,” DWYPD spokesperson, Cassius Selala, said. The call comes as South Africa marks the 50th anniversary of the 1976 Youth Uprising, honouring the courage and resilience of the young people who fought against injustice and demanded equal opportunities. According to the department, the struggle of 1976 was not only about political freedom but also about creating a society where all young people could participate fully in social and economic life. While significant progress has been made since the advent of democracy, the department noted that many young people with disabilities continue to face barriers to education, employment, entrepreneurship, and broader economic opportunities. These challenges contribute to high levels of unemployment, poverty and social exclusion among persons with disabilities. The department said South Africa’s Constitution, the National Development Plan, National Youth Policy and the White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities all affirm the right to full and equal participation in society. South Africa is also a signatory to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which promotes equal access to employment and economic opportunities. Selala said the legacy of 1976 reminds us of that freedom without opportunity is



incomplete. “Economic inclusion is a human rights issue, not charity. Young people with disabilities have talent, creativity, and leadership potential that can boost economic growth. Administering access to entrepreneurship, procurement, and jobs helps youth with disabilities become active economic participants. “An inclusive economy strengthens communities, reduces inequality, and promotes social cohesion. It ensures no young person is left behind in South Africa’s development,” Selala said. As the country honours the sacrifices made by the youth of 1976, Selala said it must also commit to ending all forms of exclusion that continue to affect young people today. The department has called on government, the private sector, civil society organisations, educational institutions, and development partners to work together to expand opportunities for young people with disabilities. “The spirit of 1976 calls for action: to build an economy that is accessible, inclusive, and meets the aspirations of all young people, including those with disabilities. True freedom occurs when every young person has the chance to learn, work and shape South Africa’s future,” Selala said.

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‘AI for good’ Continued

Osman further mentioned that, “when all of society works together with young people, we grow beyond celebration and we build lasting change.” During the workshops, teams gathered in the communities at schools and groups of 5 classes from each at churches and many school selected and taught by spheres of society must experts to identify problems

Stone Age is an injustice as it is fundamentally archaic and backward. AI is an environment of plenty and by trying to keep it to yourself, you hold up social progress. The communities at schools and groups of 5 classes from each at churches and many school selected and taught by spheres of society must make use of the power of their



and build solutions using AI, boosting each learner’s all-round skills and ultimately present their concepts later in

own information and mobilize themselves as stakeholders for productive ends. Students of today must fight with knowledge and build from such!” Mentioned Dr Pali. Representing Fashion World Yacoub Maboga mentioned that the day is about celebrating that present themselves as data collection over the years in our immediate communities. “The data collected constitutes our understanding of our world around us. The question is, what are we handing over to the generation of 1976? Dr Lehohla expanded on the concept by letting the learners interactively participate in evaluating data progression ratios of the nation’s community demographics and development making use of presentation slides. This is how the youth can take hold of the economic future of our country through data, data-science and AI. “AI is the people’s system as it uses the people’s data and all contributions. So, to use this kind of information system as an individual to exclude those who have built the IP from

forget our humble beginnings tomorrow as we collectively gain success. We use AI in business and on personal capacities and we’re here to support our learners. Most of the great achievers worldwide started with the ‘what if’ question” Enthused Maboga. The workshops yielded much fruit as learners equipped with skills from the training, confidently presented amazing AI solutions concepts in resolving problems that affects their communities, making the judges adjudication difficult but at the end Diepdale Secondary took the number 1 spot with much loud cheering and ovation from the audience. The learners received MacBook computers for each of their respective schools including the host primary school. To place the cherry on top, a quiz on the information shared during the event, saw some bright learners walk away with more prizes. Finally towards the end all attendees were treated with goodies packs courtesy of Fashion World wrapping up a truly uplifting memorable Youth Day of 2026.



ing the potential of the youth of today, as frontliners of the forthcoming generations. Maboga mentioned that his company remains close to communities and “through ‘Local is Enough Campaign’ we have demonstrated the support of communities more than we provide the product that we sell! It is about giving back to our communities therefore we must never

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affection towards them. Rebuke them in private, never sharing their secrets and praise them openly and publicly over their accomplishments. Ntate Abbey related that all of us are influenced by our upbringing so he solemnly encourages us as parents to pray for and pray together with our kids. Ultimately give your children good memories in their upbringing."

Fathers' comments; Sabelo Nyembe from Braamfischerville enthused that, "this session has been inspirational and what we seek to achieve as fathers and with more engagements depending on our backgrounds, we will keep learning and improving tackling issues that affect us especially as young dads."

Bakang Kgosiemang from Dobsonville related that, this has been insightful as I'm getting a resolve on some issues affecting my own fatherhood, exposing where I lack, I

now realise that there's a lot more to raising a child beyond financial means, one must interact more with them and that is much appreciable. Many thanks to the day care, it is quite a pleasure to be appreciated as fathers just to be given a pat on the back as a dad means a lot."

Thabang Raditlhalo from Meadowlands opened

Ebenezer Child Development Programme, a day care in Braamfischerville presented a special day for dads on the 20th of June 2026. This to honour fathers and appreciate them for the role they play in rearing their children and responsibilities they carry in taking care of their families. A rare uplifting momentous gesture but crucial brainchild and initiative spearheaded by Principal Boemo Bogatsu. Men coming together in a place of their children's development. No child, no moms, but only kings treated to a royal playground! An intimate roundtable set-up



we want is for our kids to have good fathers as a result we want to spoil our grandchildren. There's a saying that if you didn't raise your children well, you'll raise your grandchildren!"

The highly decorated and influential speaker and mentor who's track record speaks volumes locally and abroad, Youth Alive Organisation Director Ntate Abbey Matlou took to podium to address the men at large. As fathers we have been given a responsibility by our Creator to raise our

children to be what He meant them to be, developing them to be future leaders and take

position in society. To demonstrate love towards them (including verbally), offer emotional support, be sympathetic and take time to listen to them whenever they experience setbacks.

Further to give wisdom and practical advises, mentor and be believable role models. Also, kids learn and emulate how their parents treat each other."

Matlou further mentioned "that social media is seeking to erode social values and systems that they learnt from a tender age therefore we must be vigilant in preserving our tradition of instilling moral values towards them instead of them being parented by devices and gadgets. Engage in your child's life, in who their friends are, their goals and how you could help them. Affirm, communicate relevant issues that hit home, and openly show



up that "I came reluctantly asking myself what is to be done at creche but surprisingly I discovered that it was truly worthwhile to come here for a father's day event that is full of fun and insight for us to grow and become the best fathers."

Neo Bogatsu from Lufhereng poured out his heart that, "I was unsure if I was perfectly parenting my kids trying to avoid how I grew up myself. When we celebrate an achievement together, I get happy but become sad afterwards. I honestly did not get the same interaction with my dad. This session made me reflect and relive my childhood agitating mixed feelings to my inner child.

My advice to fathers is that be present to your kids not just be around."

In wrapping up the day, fathers didn't only get inspiring take-aways from the event speeches and solid interactions but were also spoilt with Fathers 'Day gifts to take home. So delighted on the day they resolved that more interactive regular forums be facilitated in the future.



with delightful servings. To loosen up, the elated fathers were made to enjoy playing games like their kids at creche, participating in quizzes and cognitive exercises where everyone became a winner!

In this high-spirited celebration the well-dressed debonairs shared rapport during the heart-warming activities they partook in with lively contagious chuckles, oblivious of their regular, pressing responsibilities of their day-to-day.

Ma'am Boemo mentioned that a family that plays together stays together.

"Men are a source irrespective of their respective backgrounds, each man is rooted as a strong tree, holding the family ties together. Everyone can see the results manifest in each family. Fathers are holding fast, holding on through all types of seasons. So, men need to know it's okay! It is okay to say how they feel. It's okay to go through life's challenges, shortfalls, etc. Men and fathers please know that you are



loved!" Principal Boemo further mentioned that "this occasion is dedicated to men specially because every other day women are celebrated, so in this regard when the head of the family is alright, everyone in the family is good. In the home, in the neighbourhood and in the community, the role and presence of fathers is deeply felt. All what



The Dignity Campaign informs Domestic Workers of their rights

The Dignity in Every Home campaign is a national initiative promoting awareness of domestic workers' rights among domestic workers and their employers. The campaign is being run by Izwi Domestic Workers Alliance, the Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI), the United Domestic Workers of South Africa (UDWOSA) and the South African Domestic Service and Allied Workers Union (SADSAWU). Maggie Mthombeni, a former domestic worker, who is the Case Manager at Izwi Domestic Workers Alliance, explains that the Dignity in Every Home campaign aims to build awareness among domestic workers and their employers about the basic labour law requirements governing this type of work. "Both domestic workers and their employers need to know what the labour law requires," she says. "When domestic workers know their rights and employers provide contracts, UIF / COIDA registration, and fair working conditions, it will

safe, fair, lawful and respectful working conditions, the Dignity in Every Home campaign also informs domestic workers about their rights in the workplace. **Information on the rights of domestic workers is available at:** <https://www.dignityineveryhome.org.za/> "Most domestic workers do not know the details of their rights under the law, and many are not enjoying basic labour protections," says Mthombeni. "This includes minimum wage, overtime pay, paid leave, family leave, public holidays, required daily and weekly rest periods, safety in the workplace, respectful treatment, freedom from harassment and abuse, as well as registration with the Unemployment Insurance Fund and the workers compensation fund."



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No one in the home you work in can shout at you, threaten or insult you, use racial or xenophobic language, physically abuse, harass or sexually abuse you, read your private WhatsApps, SMSes or letters or search your belongings.

Unemployment Insurance Fund and Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act

If you work as a domestic worker for more than 24 hours a month, your employer must register you for the Unemployment Insurance Fund (UIF), make monthly contributions to it, and provide you with the UIF U19 form if you are dismissed or retrenched.

UIF helps you have some money if you lose your job, get sick or go on maternity leave.

Your employers must also register you under the Compensation for Occupational Injuries and Diseases Act (COIDA). It provides you with money and free medical care if you are injured or contract diseases at work.

Fair Dismissal

You cannot be fired suddenly or without a good reason. If you are dismissed, your employer must give the correct notice period, follow fair disciplinary steps and pay all outstanding wages and leave.

Important Note:

Domestic workers who work less than 24 hours per month should also receive the minimum wage of R30.23



be a healthier and happier relationship for both parties." The campaign also aims to lead workers to organisations, including the Department of Labour, CCMA and unions which can assist them when they are being mistreated. In homes across South Africa, domestic workers use their wages to support themselves and their children, many of whom are young people. The little money they earn, which at the minimum wage of R30.23 per hour comes to R5239.46 a month, has to stretch towards trying to meet their children's basic needs including rent, food, sanitary products, transport, airtime and electricity. In carrying out their daily tasks of cleaning homes, tending gardens, washing and ironing laundry and caring for children and the elderly, it's important for domestic workers to know their rights. In addition to providing resources for employers of domestic workers to promote

In South Africa, the law grants a number of important rights to domestic workers. These rights apply to all domestic workers, whether they are in the country lawfully or not. **The law states that domestic workers have the right to the following:**
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Pay Slips
 Domestic workers must get a pay slip every month, which shows hours worked, wage calculations, deductions and leave balances. This pay slip is necessary if you ever need to claim



everything.

Working Hours and Rest

Domestic workers can't be made to work more than 45 hours a week. If you agree to overtime, it should not be more than 15 hours per week. You have the right to rest periods during the work day and at least 1.5 days off on the weekend.

Paid Leave

As a domestic worker, you have



per hour, but their employer doesn't have to give them the same number of annual leave days, provide them with a contract or pay slips or register them for UIF or COIDA as is necessary with domestic workers who work more

than 24 hours a month. For further information on your rights as a domestic worker and for a list of organisations that can assist you if you are treated unfairly, visit: <https://www.dignityineveryhome.org.za/> If you have any questions, email: info@izwi.org.za or WhatsApp 073 153 1167.

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Government Commits to Empower Youth as Nation marks 50 Years since Soweto Uprising



National Youth Day 2026 theme focuses on legacy of 1976 and new opportunities for young South Africans. As the nation commemorates Youth Day tomorrow, 16 June 2026, Government says it remains committed to the legacy of the 1976 youth uprising by expanding education, skills and job opportunities for young people. This year's theme, "RESET@50: The Future Calls!", reflects 50 years since the Soweto uprisings while calling for renewed investment in youth empowerment.

Building a capable state that enables youth to prosper is a top government pri-



ority, officials said yesterday. Key focus areas include education, skills development, entrepreneurship and employment. Through the Presidential Youth Employment Intervention, young people are being assisted to gain workplace experience, in-demand skills, entrepreneurship support and access to sustainable jobs. Government has also expanded programmes such as the Expanded Public Works Programme, Community Work Programme and Harambee Youth Employment Accelerator. These initiatives continue to create work and skills development opportunities across the country. Young people have been urged to join the National Youth Service Programme to gain experience, serve communities and contribute to national development. For more information on NYSP, visit: <http://nydaweb.site.azurewebsites.net/Products-Services/National-Youth-Services-Programme.html> Government Communication

Mall Commemorates 50th Youth Day with the 'Youth Business Launchpad' Empowerment Event



Protea Glen Mall marked the 50 years commemoration of the 1976 Youth Uprising through its 3rd annual flagship Corporate Social Investment (CSI) initiative, the Youth Business Launchpad which is dedicated to empowering and supporting youth entrepreneurs within Protea Glen and its surrounding communities. In the 3rd year we continue to build on this legacy, revisiting the past two years beneficiaries by a inviting them to tell their entrepreneurial journey including the highs and lows as a reset.

In that regard we are truly making sure that we can look forward to spearheading this launchpad to greater heights under the powerful 2026 theme:

“Building Youth. Building Business. Building Futures.”

The initiative reflects a continued commitment to investing in young people not only as entrepreneurs, but as future economic drivers, job creators, and community builders. We kicked off the Youth month with

a two days Workshop and seminar on the 16 & 17 June from 9am – 3pm in the main centre court with the business owners present along the key speakers such as thriving and successful business owners, stakeholders and their own peers building to all be part of the conversation of business foundations including compliance, accessing

funding, protecting your business, scaling and so much more.

That more also came from a dynamic young man by the name of Musa Sono, entrepreneur, farmer and law student of the Emuseni Foundation, a youth led NPO focused on community empowerment, food security and skills development. He reminded all present how your dreams are valid and achievable.

During the subsequent week of 22 -27 June



2027 we wrapped up the youth month with 5 days of exhibitions including an Expo where the businesses could expose their products and services to our market and transact without any ask from the mall. This is what we mean when we say we don't just celebrate youth day but invest in our youth.



Basadi in Music Awards to honour music icon

Few artists have shaped the global music landscape with the enduring influence of Monique Bingham. As the Basadi in Music Awards (BIMA) celebrates its fifth anniversary under the theme REWIND, BIMA proudly announces internationally acclaimed singer, songwriter and house music icon Monique Bingham as the recipient of the 2026 International Recognition Award.

For nearly three decades, Bingham has captivated audiences through her unmistakable vocals, soulful songwriting and timeless artistry. Her collaborations with internationally renowned producers and South African trailblazers including Black Coffee, Mobi Dixon and DJ Christos have cemented her place as one of the defining voices of house music.

For South African audiences, Monique Bingham is more than an international artist. Her music forms part of the soundtrack of a generation, evoking unforgettable dance floors, lifelong friendships, and a shared love for soulful house music.

The International Recognition Award celebrates exceptional women whose artistry, influence and contribution have left a lasting impact on the global music industry while inspiring generations through excellence, authenticity, and innovation. For Bingham, the recognition represents more than a career milestone. It celebrates a decades-long relationship with South African audiences whose unwavering support has made the country one of the most meaningful chapters of her international career.

Monique Bingham said: “Receiving the 2026 International Recognition Award from Basadi in Music Awards is an honour I will cherish for the rest of my life. I am deeply humbled and incredibly grateful. South Africa has held a special place in my heart for many years. The love, passion and appreciation that audiences here have for house music is unlike anywhere else in the world. Every performance reminds me that music is culture, community and connection.”

She added that, “To receive this honour from an organisation that celebrates women in music is profoundly meaningful. As an independent artist, recognition like this is never taken for granted. My journey has never been

powered by a major machine, but by extraordinary supporters, collaborators and friends who believed in my music. The greatest privilege has been creating music that connects people across cultures and generations. I never imagined my music would become part of the soundtrack of so many lives in South Africa. That love has been one of the greatest blessings of my career. I thank the Basadi in Music Awards, every fan who has supported me and everyone who continues to champion women in music. I look forward to celebrating with you on 8 August 2026 and performing alongside an incredible lineup. Thank you once again for this unforgettable honour.”

Hloni Modise-Matau,

Founder and CEO of the Basadi in Music Awards, said Monique Bingham’s artistry has transcended borders and generations, making her a deserving recipient whose music has become part of South Africa’s cultural story. Joburg Theatre CEO Xoliswa Ndeneni-Ngema said the theatre is proud to celebrate an artist whose influence has connected people through music while supporting Basadi in Music Awards in recognising women of exceptional achievement.

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added that Bingham’s career reflects artistic excellence, longevity and the power of music to transcend borders, making her an ideal recipient of the 2026 International Recognition Award.

Event Information The Basadi in Music Awards will take place at Joburg Theatre on 7–8 August 2026.

7 August – Vanguard Awards

8 August – Music Awards Ceremony, including the presentation of the International Recognition Award to Monique Bingham and her live performance.

Tickets are available via the Joburg Theatre website. <https://www.joburgtheatre.com>.

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