

C2A initiatives growing in popularity

Owing to popular demand, Chance 2 Advance (C2A) successfully hosted another community learning initiative for the communities of Diepsloot, Lanseria, Cosmo City, Lion's Park, Jukskei Park, Witkoppen, and Ivory Park from 10 to 15 June 2013.

C2A presented customised and relevant workshops to meet the learning needs of these communities. The programme included capacity development programmes to support NGOs. A total attendance of 2 888 people was recorded for this six-day programme.

Workshops offered to the communities had a strong social justice and development orientation. Excited community participant Paulinah Nteta commented that the C2A programme was life changing. She now has a different view on her life and studies and has enrolled in a Human Resources Management course. Another enthusiastic community participant Linda Koesnel was thankful that C2A was conducting an outreach programme in the community of Diepsloot. She commented that she now intended on completing her matric education.



Above: Some of the many who attended the Chance 2 Advance community workshops in Diepsloot in June

Project Manager Dr Genevieve James explained that the programme was almost cancelled after the area erupted into violence and public protest. “The situation was tense on the ground. Despite the uncertainty, members of the community continued to book their seats in the workshops. Once we received the go-ahead from the SAPS station commander, we proceeded with the programme. Unisa staff boldly participated in the Diepsloot outreach – these included professors Annali Botha and Helene du Toit from the Department of Health Studies, Joseph Chisasa from the Department of Finance for Risk and Banking Management, Malefa Malefana from the Department of Economics, Fhatuwane Makahane from the Department of Tuition and Facilitation of Learning, Molepo Lesiba from the Department of Tuition and Facilitation of Learning. Rose Mashaba from the Chance 2 Advance office ensured the smooth running of our mega-venue.”

C2A is currently planning a massive outreach to the communities of Gugulethu, Cross Roads and Nyanga set to take place in August this year.