

# HAPPY YOUTH DAY



Skills for the changing world – Empowering youth  
for meaningful economic participation.

On this Youth Day, we pause to honour the bravery, determination, and sacrifice of the young people of 1976, who stood up against injustice and changed the course of our history. Today, as we commemorate their legacy, we are reminded that the youth are not only the future of our nation – they are its present.

The youth of 2025 face challenges of a different kind: unemployment, the need for skills in a rapidly changing world, and the struggle for access to opportunities and education. As your Executive Mayor, I want you to know that we see you, we hear you, and we are working to build an institution that supports your dreams.

Our municipality is investing in youth development initiatives – from entrepreneurship and skills programmes to job placement through partnerships and bursaries for higher education. But we cannot do this alone. We need our young people to rise, to lead, and to innovate. We need your energy, your ideas, and your passion.

Let the spirit of 1976 inspire you to be bold. Whether you are a student, a young worker, an artist, or an entrepreneur, your voice and your actions matter. Your courage today will be the change we celebrate tomorrow.

Kuntsha yonke yomphakathi wethu: ningazibukeli phansi. Lesi yisikhathi senu. Phakamani, ake sakhe umphakathi onobulungiswa, ofaka wonke umuntu, futhi ohluma ukhule ndawonye.



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