

TUT STUDENT (WOMEN) LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME LAUNCHED

The Women in Housing in partnership with the CBE and Tshwane University Technology (TUT) recently launched a student Development Leadership Programme focusing on women development. Students from the built environment faculties were in attendance and it was explained to them that the programme is meant to provide career advice, practical experience and support.

Mrs. Nana Mhlongo, the Research and Policy Unit Manager at CBE, gave a presentation on of what the role of the Council for Built Environment is. She further encouraged the young women who were in attendance to pursue careers within the built environment as it is an exciting field, with a lot of opportunities for advancement.

Women for Housing Director, Ms. Elizabeth O'Leary gave an overview of what the organization is about as well as its activities within built environment faculties. She also gave an indication of the opportunities that are available for women within the industry. Her presentation further drew the audience's attention to the fact that by having female representation at ministerial level in government, demonstrates that there are no limits

to women participation in the wide field of the built environment.

Tshepiso Raletsemo, a practicing quantity surveyor, encouraged the

students to be dedicated and persevere. She also highlighted that there are many opportunities within quantity surveying that are not limited to calculating estimates.

Gloria, a graduate trainee at Murray & Robberts, also shared her experience with the audience in terms of what she has encountered in the work environment, including the challenges faced and support she is receiving through graduate development programmes and her manager who is also her mentor.

As part of Celebrating women's month, Women's groups and organizations such as Women for Housing, continue to play a part in fostering social cohesion and moral regeneration in our society.

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