

CBE participates in “Take a girl-child to Work 2008”

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE), South African Woman in Construction (SAWIC) and CIDB recently took part in this years’ “Take a girl-child to Work” initiative which was held on Thursday 29th May 2008 at the Auditorium of Development Bank of Southern Africa in Midrand.

The function, attended by 20 girls from the Glen High School, Menlo Park Hoerskool, Central High, Kgomotso High (Soshanguve) and Nelmaphius High (Mamelodi), was aimed at high school learners, studying various subjects.

The Chairperson of the SAWIC Gauteng Provincial Chapter, Mrs. Mary Motsweneng, welcomed the guests, and the audience was addressed by representatives from the SAWIC, CIDB, and representing the CBE was Mrs. Nana Mhlongo, Manager: Research and Policy. The final presentation was made the Corporate Strategy & Innovation manager of SAWIC, Ms Jayshree Naidoo.

After the presentations, the girls were taken for site visits, where they were exposed to the DBSA culture and workings. The girls also had the opportunity to “job-shadow” during the proceedings of the day.

On departure the girls were each given packages containing information on the various companies that participated in the event. Some of items included in the packages were branded t-shirts, caps, safety shoes, as well as career information and literature. The girls expressed their excitement about their experience and how enjoyable, interesting and informative, it was. They suggested that the CIDB, SAWIC and CBE should continue with this initiative and make it part of their annual programme.

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