

## LIMPOPO GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT CONFERENCE



“Solving the challenges regarding chronic moral decay in our communities and an alarming social ills crisis, require a different approach and new thinking” – this according to the MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, Dipuo Letsatsi-Duba.

Since the birth of the democratic dispensation 18 years ago, South Africa has been in a state of rapid transition, which has brought with it several socio-economic and developmental challenges, accompanied by the decrease in moral standards.

The societal ills such as the alarming high rate of substance abuse; increasing number of teenage pregnancies year after year; chronic culture of ill-discipline and disobedience amongst the youth; severe corruption and crime that threatens our fragile new democracy and the violence and destruction of property during protests, are symptoms of a society faced with a dysfunctional environment and deep-seated decaying morality. Included in the list is the spread of HIV/Aids; unemployment; high rate of rape cases; poverty and underdevelopment affecting the youth and children with a direct bearing to issues of moral values and Ubuntu.

These challenges should be tackled head-on in a more coherent, vigilant and sustainable manner. The youth and children of our country need to be given the right tools and ensure that they be directed onto a positive track, through the establishment

of sustainable programmes and institutions, to ensure the return to moral regeneration in our communities.

The Department of Sports, Arts and Culture will be hosting a consultative conference to find new progressive ways to address these challenges and continue in building a caring and progressive society in a meaningful way. The consultative conference will pave the way for the launch of the Limpopo Grassroots Movement. We therefore call upon South Africans to take part in the consultative conference and contribute meaningful inputs that will positively impact on the future of our Province, the country and the whole of the SADC region.

We call on all responsible citizens of the Province to ensure that this project, which is targeting children as young as 5 years old, reaches its intended objectives. Together let's build a caring, patriotic, responsible and active citizenry.

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012  
Venue: Oasis Lodge, Polokwane  
Time 09:00

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