

Saldanha Science Centre hosts annual career expo

At the Freeport Saldanha Innovation Campus, the ArcelorMittal Foundation Saldanha Science Centre recently held its annual Careers EXPO. Approximately 600 students from various high schools in the area from Grades 9, 10, and 11 attended the three-day event. With more than 42 exhibitors from a wide range of industries, this Career Expo was the largest of its type in the region.

With around 200 learners attending each day, the event's unique rotational concept guaranteed that all learners had the opportunity to interact with all stakeholders. This resulted in a complete learning experience that went beyond the confines of a standard career fair.

"The success of this career expo was not merely by chance, but the result of meticulous planning, dedication and a shared commitment to nurturing the potential of our youth," - Xavier Lawrence, Saldanha Science Centre Manager.

The ArcelorMittal Foundation Saldanha Science Centre team was the main force behind the event's success. The coordinator, Dee-Lynn Carolus, carried out the project with zeal and diligence. The Saldanha Bay Municipality, represented by Olwene Daniels, who opened the event with an inspiring message to the learners, the University of Cape Town, Freeportsaldanha, Yes4Youth Genesis hub, and the Western Cape Education Department collaborated on this. This collaboration made the event accessible to all.

It is critical to recognise the Department of Science and Innovation, the National Research Foundation, and the South African Agency for Science and Technology for their vital contributions. Their participation propelled the event to new heights. "One cannot simply overlook the exhibitors who shared their knowledge, experiences, and insights with eager learners," Xavier stated.

Xavier also stated that the event will likely grow in size year after year, as the organisation remains committed to allowing youth to engage and explore with professionals. "The ArcelorMittal Foundation would like to express their gratitude to all those who made the event possible."

"We share a common vision, and we are all concerned with the interests and futures of our students." We will continue to unleash futures and empower the next generation together. "The road ahead is clear, and with such dedication and collaboration, there are no bounds to what our youth can accomplish," he added.

