

June 16 Foundation educates the youth



Young people of 1976 fought for political freedom; today's young people should fight for economic freedom. But if today's youth are not educated properly, their dreams of economic freedom cannot be achieved, says Oupa Moloto. He is one of the stu-

dent leaders of 1976 Soweto Uprising and a member of the June 16 Foundation.

Certificates

President Thabo Mbeki recently gave members of the Foundation certificates to show appreciation for the role they played in fighting against apartheid.

The Foundation was started to protect the legacy of what the struggle means. "It was formed to ensure that today's young people have a clear understanding of the conditions that led to the June 16

Soweto Uprising," Moloto said.

The Foundation will also help with proper training and skills development for young people so that they can play an active role in the economic development of the country.

Needs of youth

The Foundation:

- talks about ways to address the needs of young people;
- provides ways of improving and developing individual young people and their communities;
- builds skills and give financial and social support; and
- ensures that its work is done through partnerships. - *Justice Mohale*

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1976 led to sacrifice and success

As a young woman Sibongile Mkhabela experienced the cruelty of apartheid. She became involved in student politics when she served as secretary for the South African Student's Movement. She later became a member of an action committee, which consisted of pupils from various schools in Soweto. This led to the Soweto Students Representative Council.

As a pupil at Naledi High School in 1976, she was at the forefront of the march by pupils from Naledi High School to the Orlando Board Offices in Soweto. The Uprising led to the arrest of Mkhabela and other student leaders. She was jailed for three years.

From 1995 to 1999, Mkhabela was director of programmes and projects in the office of the then Deputy President, Thabo Mbeki.

Today, Mkhabela is Chief Executive Officer of the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund.



Sibongile Mkhabela

The young people of 1976, risked their lives to challenge the unfair laws of the time, says Lieutenant Colonel Daisy Tshiloane of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF). Tshiloane was a pupil at Tlakula High School in Ekurhuleni when the 1976 Soweto Uprising started. She said arrests and the killing of school children like Hector Pietersen, strengthened their courage to fight against the apartheid government.

Tshiloane and others were arrested and released after a week. She fled to exile in Swaziland where she joined the ANC. She later became a member of the Umkhonto we Sizwe in Angola.

After doing military training in the former Soviet Union, Tshiloane became a medical officer in the ANC camps in Angola.

She joined the SANDF in 1992.

- *Justice Mohale*



Daisy Tshiloane