

## GGV Disability Forum benefits by EPWP

The [Expanded Public Works Programme](#) (EPWP) is one of the important avenues that the Western Cape Government uses to reduce the levels of poverty and unemployment in the province.

The [Genadendal, Greyton and Voorville \(GGV\) Disability Forum](#) connected with the EPWP through the [Department of Cultural Affairs and Sport](#) (DCAS). Celestine and Lucille Smith were initially appointed in 2014 as project administrators, after which Emile Davids and Caylin Hendricks were employed.



Emile, a 24-year-old from Genadendal who completed his Diploma in Music at the University of Stellenbosch, facilitates the EPWP music programme and teaches choral music to 15 young people as well as another three on the keyboard.



The training takes place daily and the young beneficiaries with disabilities perform their music on request at various functions or as part of fundraising initiatives. They have gained many valuable skills that boost their confidence in their performances. They are now able to comfortably perform in front of any audience, such as schools and the *Kinderfees*, as well as the local Moravian Church.

"It is a humbling experience for me to share my talent with people living with disabilities and I have a lot of plans to develop," says Emile.



DCAS gives people the opportunity to participate in the EPWP activities. Communities should encourage youth to use these opportunities to reach their full potential. Let us nurture and develop the skills of our youth, BETTER TOGETHER.

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