



SEKHUKHUNE TVET COLLEGE

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International Skills Partnership Progress Report - Northern Regional College and Sekhukhune TVET College

Sekhukhune TVET College has secured partnership with Northern Regional College in the UK and is funded by the British Council to engage in an International Skills Project (ISP). The aim of the project is to increase skills in Carpentry and Joinery. College staff, supported by local companies and Industry Representative Bodies (UK and SA) will benchmark skills and develop a common international skills task for students to complete. Through this ISP we seek to achieve two outcomes:

- Exchange local Carpentry and Joinery skills competitions between Sekhukhune TVET College and Northern Regional College
- Provide opportunities for students/apprentices to compete internationally at local level

Employability will be enhanced as students/apprentices also develop communication, teambuilding, problem solving, and critical thinking skills. Lecturing staff will benefit personally and professionally through their exposure to their subject within an international context.

Visit No 2 (1-18 May 2018)



During the 2nd study visit Northern Regional College hosted Percy Mabooa, Curriculum Coordinator Engineering at Sekhukhune TVET College. The five day visit was an opportunity to:

- Review past skills competition tasks (UK) in Carpentry and Joinery. Discuss and compare competition timelines and eligibility criteria
- Meet Carpentry and Joinery students and share experiences between SA and Northern Ireland.
- Tour college facilities (Ballymena, Coleraine, and Newtownabbey)

- See college/business partnerships/internships/placements at work (site visit to see roof construction, factory visit to McNickle and Sons)
- Learn from an employer perspective the value of skills competitions
- Meet support staff and learn about roles (Training Support Officer, Learner Support Officer)
- Tour of the North Antrim coast and visit the capital city of Belfast

Carpentry & Joinery competition day



Sekhukhune TVET College undertook agreed skills task during August 2018. 8 participants, after selection process, managed to compete. Local employers and a learnership facilitator were the judges on the day.



Mr Rachidi Nonyane Mack was declared the winner.

- Mr Rachidi NM, his Lecturer Matlala TG and Mabooa MP will visit NRC in the second week of November 2018.

This competition gave the students the opportunity to showcase their skills in Carpentry and Joinery.

