

International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Port Elizabeth and the 2013 National Disability Awards

The National Disability Rights Awareness Month closed on 3 December 2013 at the Nelson Mandela Metro in the Eastern Cape. South Africa marked the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on the same day.

Disability Month is observed from 3 November - 3 December 2013 under the United Nations theme ***“Break Barriers, open doors: for an inclusive society for all”***.

The programme kick started with hosting the National Disability Awards at The Boardwalk Casino, Port Elizabeth, on 2 December 2013, where various achievers in different categories were honoured including Stompie Mavi for the Lifetime Achievement award.

This was followed by a community engagement session in New Brighton, Nangoza Jebe Hall. Minister and Deputy Minister of Women, Children and People with Disabilities were joined by the Eastern Cape MEC of Social Development, Ms. Pemmy Majodina, provincial representatives and Municipal representatives. The hall was full to capacity to mark this day and wheelchairs were also donated to those in need.

AWARDS WINNERS



Figure 1: MEC Pemmy Majodini awarding Leanarda Els in the category of Champion award, with Deputy Minister on the side



Figure 2: MEC handing over awards to more winners



Figure 2: Deputy Minister addressing her guest



Figure 3: DM, MEC Majodini, young business leader award winner, Executive Mayor Ben Fihla with a delegate



Figure 4: Leadership with the Company Award winner representing Old Mutual



Figure 5: University of Free State rep with leadership for the best Higher Education institution Award

THE NATIONAL EVENT



Figure 6: Just an overview of the stage



Figure 7: The public that attended the event



Figure 8: Some delegates with MEC for Social Development and Special Programmes – with red top, Minister of Women, Children and Persons with Disabilities; MEC for Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture; NMBay Executive Mayor and Cllr Desi



Figure 9: another view of the people in attendance



Figure 10: Bulelani Krani receiving a wheel chair after walking to the venue using his hands



Figure 11: Bulelani Krani with his new wheel chair and MEC Pemmy Majodini and Mayor making sure it works



Figure 12: Ayanda Tengile with one of his care givers also received a wheel chair