



# YOUTH IN CONSTRUCTION



Construction reaches into every South African community, facilitating the objective of potable water, sewerage disposal, electrification, health, education, housing and productive employment. It is pivotal to transport and communication, import and export, industrial development and to all the logistics of a growing economy that supports an integrated and economically active population, *cidb* Status Report 2004. It is also one of the largest employers in the country. Yet historically, construction is perceived as one of the least attractive career destinations by young people and its role as a key driver of economic and social development, is not fully understood by the community.

# GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

A website is available providing youth easy access to information about construction and careers possibilities within the sector

[www.youthinconstruction.co.za](http://www.youthinconstruction.co.za)  
[info@youthinconstruction.co.za](mailto:info@youthinconstruction.co.za)

The Youth in Construction initiative is an industry initiative of the SA Forum of Civil Engineering Contractors (SAFCEC), the SA Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE), the Master Builders Association North (MBA North), and Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) in support of engineering and construction skills

required to budget, procure, instruct, maintain and operate infrastructure. It is focused on the importance of the construction industry as a national asset and the critical link to skills development, infrastructure creation and service delivery.



Youth in Construction was implemented for the first time in 2008 in Gauteng. Subsequent expo's were held in Durban, Cape Town, Gauteng and Kimberley. Approximately 36 000 learners experienced Youth in Construction exhibitions.

The exhibition is targeted at grade 9 - 12 learners as well as tertiary and college students in construction - related learning areas and the importance of maths and science is emphasized.

The uniqueness of the Youth in Construction expo, as an initiative of industry, lies in the structured way that learners are accompanied through the expo as well as the practical trades area where they are given hands-on experiences that allow learners the opportunity to feel the excitement of various industry trades including brick-laying, carpentry, electrical works, and tiling.



The exhibition offers stakeholders across the industry the following opportunities:

- identify learners to engage in bursaries and study programmes,
- show young learners the diversity of the industry and the best that the industry can offer in skills and opportunities,
- provide role models for business, entrepreneurs and out of school youth
- give young South Africans hope
- assist companies in achieving BBBEE targets and industry (CSI/SED).

