

JOB SHADOW INITIATIVE

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CONSULTING ENGINEER

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ON THE ROAD



INVESTING IN TOMORROW, TODAY

OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Since 2019

Continuing to Build Futures

MPAMOT's Cape Town office has proudly supported the CES

ob Shadow Initiative since 2019. Now in our sixth consecuti r, we're excited to see familiar faces returning from pre Many learners come back each year, with a few a

expressing interest in attending again in 2026!

Over the years, we've introduced more than 625 learners to the world of engineering—sparking curiosity, inspiring ambition, and planting the seeds for future careers in STEM

We believe meaningful transformation begins with early exposure, mentorship, and access to opportunity. The CESA Job Shadow Initiative provides a platform to engage young minds, spark interest, and introduce future pathways in engineering and consulting.

In 2025, our Cape Town office welcomed 97 learners from 10 schools across the Western Cape. Through structured sessions and interactive discussions, learners gained valuable insight into the consulting engineering profession and its impact on society.

This initiative reflects our continued commitment to developing future professionals and contributing to a more inclusive and resilient built environment in South Africa.

CAREER PATHWAYS IN CONSULTING ENGINEERING

We introduced learners to various engineering disciplines within consulting, each offering unique career opportunities:

Civil Engineering

Environmental

We discussed the many noles engineens play:

2025 team: Senior Engineers PCO Champions

QUESTION / ANSWER

SESSION

Estimating construction quantities and costs

Communicating with clients and professionals

LET'S TALK

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Infrastructure

Engineering

All passionate about mentoring and showcasing the consulting engineering industry.

inspections

Pethis isn't a one-day outreach—it's an ongoing investment aspirations among South Africa's future engineers 99



STUDENTS



13 STUDENTS EXPRESSING SAYING "YES!" TO ENGINEERING

REAL TALK - THE JOURNEY INTO ENGINEERING

During the session, MPAMOT provided a clear and relatable overview of the engineering profession, outlining key disciplines, required qualifications, and the value of early exposure through job shadowing. Learners were guided through the post-university journey, including the steps toward professional registration and career development within the consulting engineering environment. The session had a measurable impact, with 23 learners expressing a newfound importance of structured mentorship in shaping future professionals.

97 Stydents

Grade 8-12

10 Schools

Gavaza Mabulele (Candidate Engineer, Pavements), Paul Olivier (Candidate Engineer, Energy) and Anri Kroukamp (Candidate Engineer, Pavements)

Hoërskool Swellendam

Oakdale Landbou

Olyfkrans College

Kairos Sekondêr

Hoërskool Bonnievale

learners from Cape Town

Hoërskool Heidelberg

Hoërskool Langenhoven

Hoërskool Overberg

Swellendam sekondêr



Through hands-on activities, real stories, and open conversations, we gave learners a true glimpse into what a day in the life of a consulting managed, to exploring site work, client engagement, cost estimation, and technical problem-solving we unpacked the many roles that engineers play

bridge, pipeline, or school building, there's a team of passionate professionals solving real problems and making a lasting impact.



LET'S TALK

PAVEMENT ENGINEERING

QUOTES OF THE DAY WHAT THE LEARNERS SAID I think my strength is supervising. future project manager in the making I enjoy seeing how everything works together. After understanding engineering coordination Teamwork is hard when there are too many cooks in the kitchen. Reflecting on group collaboration

ENGINEERING?



stydents into the world of consulting engineering dyring q two-week immersion at our offices.

From geometric design and structural engineering to advisory services, they gained hands-on exposure to the dynamic world of infrastructure.

They left with renewed inspiration, practical insights and ready to take on the future of engineering.

