



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### Water and Sanitation Graduate trainee sets the sky as her limit

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Mamello Moejane is a Graduate trainee working in the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS's) Free State offices, at Water Regulation Directorate. Born and bred in the vibrant city of Bloemfontein, Mamello chose to work and live in her familiar setting.

"This is where I am most comfortable and this is where I want to make the most impact. There is a saying that charity begins at home, so I'm living to that", said Moejane. Growing up, she was not aware of the impact of water and what goes into getting water ready for consumption. "My teacher Miss Wolf introduced me to a competition that changed my life forever", she said. Mamello, together with two of her classmates, embraced themselves in a competition called South African Youth Water Prize (SAYWP).

This programme seeks to educate the society, through learners, about the importance of water conservation and demand management. Participants are High School learners (Grade 9-11, or similar institutions), individuals or group of learners not more than three (3) and not older than twenty (20), those who are innovative and passionate about water and the environment, as well as those who have a special interest in science and technology. Mamello and her classmates launched an awareness campaign and were featured on local radio station as well as a newspaper. They received bursaries from DWS for their efforts as winners of the provincial competition.

Mamello feels blessed that the department was able to pay for her studies as well as provide her with employment. "I would not trade this experience for the world", said Moejane.

"The process of researching for our awareness campaign was the tipping point that made me fall in love with the water business", said Moejane. She enjoys working in the laboratory, analysing and testing samples. "In ten years to come I would like to see myself achieving my Masters degree as well as becoming a registered scientist with the South African Council for Natural Scientific Professionals". "The sky is the limit," she concluded.

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