



YOUTH MONTH 2019



EXECUTIVE MAYOR:
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MESSAGE BY EXECUTIVE MAYOR

Every year on June 16, South Africans commemorate the 1976 Soweto Uprising to pay tribute to learners who stood up against the apartheid regime. This day is observed as a public holiday and serves as a reminder that young South Africans were at the forefront of our struggle. It also provides us with an opportunity to take stock of the strides we have made in addressing challenging issues facing the youth, such as unemployment and access to free higher education.

The 2019 Youth Month coincides with the Commemoration of **25 Years of Freedom and Democracy since 1994**. It also comes less than a month since President Cyril Ramaphosa was sworn in as President of the Republic of South Africa for the **6th Administration, on May 25, 2019**.

In the DR Kenneth Kaunda District Municipality, we are not only commemorating Youth Day, but dedicate the entire month of June to our youth under the national theme **“25 Years of Democracy: A Celebration of Youth Activism”**

The Office of the Executive Mayor has been allocated R2.4 million of the approved budget for 2019/20 financial year for the Student Financial Assistance Aid Scheme to assist needy students to have access to higher education of their choice under the supporting and initiative theme: “Education is Power, it can change lives” of our young people in the District.

During the 2019 Youth Month, we also celebrate our achievements of the 2018/19 Financial Year by reflecting on our success to support 250 students with financial aid and ensuring that our youth gain the right skills to grow the District Economy through Learner-ships and internships in collaboration with Local Government Sector Education and Training Authority (LG-SETA) and other relevant institutions.

On behalf of all Councillors and Officials of the DR Kenneth Kaunda District, I wish you a progressive Youth Month of 2019..

