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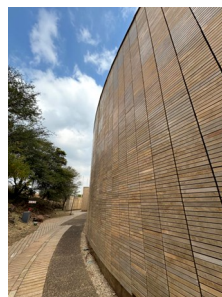
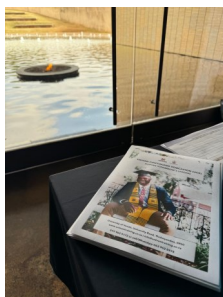


## UIGC, UCE GIVE BACK ON MANDELA DAY WITH FREE E-COURSE

UNIVEN Innovative Growth Company (UIGC) and UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) caused quite a stir during Nzalo Careers' Mandela Day mentoring programme at Freedom Park in Pretoria on Saturday with their announcement of a free online course to one fortunate young attendee. Kamogelo Tshawe, who emerged the winner of the online short learning opportunity given away by UCE, is at liberty to decide on any course from UCE's product portfolio. The prize is valued at up to an estimated R25 000.

The event, hosted at the hilltop Sanctuary, with a full view of the eternal flame in honour of fallen heroes, was alive with energy and inspiration on the part of an audience comprising youth and mentors who gathered for a programme marked by a panel discussion, respective group mentoring sessions, tours of the world-class attraction and gripping entertainment. Professionals from various industries were called on to share their journeys and offered encouragement and advice on navigating life's challenges. Among the panellists was UCE's Executive Director, Dr Thakhani Takalani, who addressed some of the most pressing issues facing South Africa's youth and sharing a message of resilience, education and vision being cornerstones of meaningful change.

The event celebrated the Madiba legacy, but also ignited hope, courage and a renewed sense of purpose within the audience of young attendees.







At UIGC and UNIVEN's joint activation, set up at the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, and during the evening's prizegiving ceremony engagement with stakeholders predominantly centred around the product offering of UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE).





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## CONGRATULATIONS OVER UIGC ENTITIES' AUDIT OUTCOMES

UNIVEN Innovative Growth Company (UIGC) and its entities have jointly made company history by clinching unqualified audit opinions for the past financial year.

The news was made official during a recent special meeting of the UIGC Board and Executive Committee (Exco), during which congratulations echoed across the virtual meeting platform. UIGC Executive Director, Mr Nditsheni Tshithavhane, commended his team for their collective effort and commitment, emphasising that the audit opinions would serve as encouragement for UIGC to achieve clean audits in future.

The good news was received upon conclusion of a workshop during which UIGC's 5-year strategic plan for 2026-2030 was presented to members of the University of Venda's (UNIVEN) Risk and Audit and Finance committees earlier that day.



## UCE launches Rural Development Skills programme

UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) recently launched its Rural Development Skills Programme, a strategic initiative aimed at equipping youth and community members with practical skills to drive rural transformation, on the UNIVEN campus. The 3-month programme encompasses qualifications in Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Management.



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## Managers commit to proactive governance during workshop

Managers of UNIVEN Innovative Growth Company (UIGC) Holdings and its various entities recently gathered for a comprehensive Risk Management workshop held at an establishment in Thohoyandou.

The session was facilitated by Ms Regina Erasmus and Mr Tendayi Mashonganyika of Motlanalo Chartered Accountants & Auditors.

The workshop covered a range of critical topics, including key risk management principles, types of risk and fundamental risk management concepts. The aim was to strengthen the entities' capacity to identify, assess and mitigate risks within operational environments.

Each entity was given the opportunity to engage on its customised risk register, allowing for an in-depth review and the development of targeted mitigation strategies.

The interactive session fostered meaningful discussions and practical planning, reinforcing UIGC's commitment to proactive governance and organisational resilience.





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## Tomorrow's leaders empowered through Skills For Future collab

In a continued effort to uplift and empower local communities, UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) in collaboration with the University of Venda's (UNIVEN) Community Development Unit recently rolled out the Skills for the Future: Maths and Science Project.

Funded by BANKSETA, the initiative aims to strengthen foundational knowledge in Mathematics and Science for 64 learners from Liivha Combined School in the Thohoyandou area who are currently facing academic challenges in the subjects. The programme not only focuses on academic improvement but also includes a vital digital literacy component to equip learners with essential twenty-first-century skills.

As part of the initiative, each learner received a new laptop, ensuring they have the tools to access digital learning resources.



## UCE, UNIVEN partner on GBV prevention, victim support project

UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) has joined forces with the University of Venda's (UNIVEN) Department of Youth in Development on the implementation of a SASSETA-funded Prevention of Gender-Based Violence (GBV) and Support for Victims project that is conducted in partnership with DC Academy.

The project, delivered under a signed Discretionary Grant Funding Agreement, will run until 31 March 2026. DC Academy has successfully delivered similar programmes for SASSETA in the past and was expected to provide technical and operational support to ensure effective project delivery, stated UCE Operations Manager Thanyani Nekwakwani.

The project will include stakeholder engagement, the recruitment of 400 participants to include 100 GBV victims, a 2-day workshop, the implementation of awareness campaigns and the provision of support sessions for 100 GBV victims.

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## Get a head start on the future with UCE's short courses

UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) remains in the lead with short course learning content that is relevant to the dictates of an ever changing and developing world.

The diverse range of courses available through UCE cuts across sectors and is aimed at empowering anyone from the established career person to individuals embarking on new careers.

The team at UCE comprises experts in the field of continuing education, and with both feet in the career world they have all the knowledge to provide the keys to help unlock the future.

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**Skills programme**  
Renewable Energy Workshop Assistant  
SP-210602

<b>Fees</b> R55 000	<b>NQF Level</b> 6	<b>Credits</b> 24	<b>Duration</b> 3 months
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**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW**

Learners entering this skills programme will find it an occupation in the renewable energy industry, such as Solar Photovoltaic Service Technicians, Solar Water Heater Installer, Wind Turbine Service Technicians or Electrician.

**Skills rationale**

As the demand for renewable energy continues to increase, the industry is looking to recruit high-calibre candidates to employ.

The purpose of this skills programme is to prepare a learner to operate as a Renewable Energy Workshop Assistant. No similar skills programme in renewable energy and/or related occupations yet to be approved or listed by the OQTO as per A Renewable Energy Workshop Assistant will be able to identify, select, use, care for hand and power tools within a renewable energy environment.

Qualifying participants will learn the functioning and operating requirements for hand and power tools, to ensure quality performance, including health, safety and environmental requirements.

The benefits to the sector is to address inequalities and grow the economy, by enabling community re-skilling and upskilling of individuals and society by providing employable skills.

The course is aimed at both employed and unemployed South Africans, including those previously employed in low-skilled occupations.

A consortium of sector organisations, including Green Cape, Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies and South African Wind Energy Association, conducted an exploratory study by identifying the need for training in the renewable energy sector in South Africa.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT COURSE**

<b>COSTS</b> R7 500	<b>DURATION</b> 5 DAYS
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**Purpose of the course**

The course aims to introduce delegates to the principles of project management. The content is aligned with international standards and guidelines such as PMBOK and ISO 21500. Learners participating in this course should be familiar with the theoretical aspects of project management and be able to apply the concepts to projects in their own environments. The overall objective is to enable participants to improve their project management and control skills and ensure a thorough awareness of factors that could influence the outcome of projects.

**Course modules**

- Introduction to project management
- Distinctions in understanding of project management principles in relation to the public, business, management and education sectors.
- Identify and apply a range of project management tools to support research in the management of project activities.
- Identify and manage specific projects within the public, business management and education contexts.

**Learning outcomes**

- Group theoretical aspects of project management
- Apply concepts to a project in your work environment

**Admission requirements**

Senior certificate (Grade 12) or equivalent qualification

**Accreditation & certificate**

Univen Innovative Growth Company (UIGC) of Univen Short Courses is a branch of the University of Venda (UNIVEN) Learning Operations, set up by UGCA within UNIVEN. Delegates who successfully complete a short course and comply with the related assessment criteria are awarded certificates of successful completion or attendance by UNIVEN.

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**Course**  
OCCUPATIONAL CERTIFICATE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD PRACTITIONERS

<b>Duration</b> 12 months	<b>Registration fee</b> R5 000	<b>Course costs</b> R20 000 in 4 parts	<b>Attendance</b> Block sessions
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### Course outline

The course is aimed at preparing attendees to operate as Early Childhood Development Practitioners in centre-based and non-centre-based early childhood development settings. With the growing demand for quality early childhood development services, obtaining this qualification will provide opportunities for attendees to enter this field.

Studying this course may be a good option if:

- wanting to pursue a career as a playschool teacher, day care centre administrator or day care centre manager.
- wanting to establish an ECD centre.

Upon completion of this course, attendees should be able to:

Plan and prepare a broad-phase learning environment and stimulating activities that meet the holistic needs of all children in centre-based or non-centre-based settings.

Facilitate and mediate all aspects of the daily programme in a centre-based or non-centre-based setting.

Observe, assess and record each child's progress.

Compile a report on each child's progress.

Maintain and promote the well-being, health, nutrition, safety and protection of children.

### Accreditation status:

NQF Level 4 – accredited by the Quality Council for Trades and Occupations (QCTO)

SAQA ID: 97542 131 Credits



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## Final monitoring, wrap-up of UCE Commercial Cleaner Learnership

The final monitoring session as part of the Commercial Cleaner Learnership Programme was conducted at the end of May, marking the successful conclusion to an impactful journey.

All participants in the group were in attendance, reflecting a strong commitment and dedication shown throughout the project. The session was facilitated by a representative from Services SETA, further affirming the collaborative spirit behind the initiative.

The programme, implemented by UNIVEN Continuing Education (UCE) and funded by Services SETA, had one of the highest participation numbers across projects of its kind offered thus far. Despite its scale, it recorded an impressively low termination rate, a milestone UCE is particularly proud of.

As the learnership drew to a close, UCE extended congratulations to all participants. In sharing well wishes UCE's Operations Manager, Ms Thanyani Nekwakwani, said: "We commend their perseverance and growth, and we wish them success as they step into new beginnings within the cleaning and hygiene sector."

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