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## Remembering Kobus Lambrechts

Our sincere condolences to the family, colleagues and friends of Kobus Lambrechts who sadly passed away on 28 August 2011. Kobus was trained as a MOT presenter in 2009 and was the dynamic drive behind the successful implementation of MOT at Guguletu Campus. He believed that MOT can give students the self-confidence, courage and guidance to be successful students and citizens, and through his leadership, many students have transformed their lives.

## Norway tragedy

On Friday, 22 July 2011 tragedy struck Norway when 77 people, mostly youths, were killed. South Africa has learnt and experienced so much compassion from the Norwegian people, and as the offspring of MOT in Norway, MOT SA was especially touched by this tragic event. Prof Eltie Links in a letter to MOT Norway wrote: “It is difficult to express our feelings other than to let our motto and name, COURAGE, be your only hope. Courage to face the unbelievable, courage to care for those who have suffered and then to realise that these violent actions are precisely what MOT tries to prevent by instilling and developing young people with a balanced life philosophy.”



Photos: Safety in Society students at Northlink College, Parow Campus took part in a parade to express their condolences and solidarity with our colleagues and friends in Norway.

## MOT “Show Courage Day” & successful MOT sessions at Strand Campus

Part of the MOT programme is an opportunity for the students to participate in a community project. This is an opportunity where the youth can learn about positive community involvement, develop and understand their role in civil society. Strand Campus at Boland College held its MOT “Show Courage Day” on 1 September 2011, by donating blood. The project was driven by the students and MOT Presenter, Anna Maria Vogel who says: “This is such a worthy course and no money is needed ... just a bit of courage to save a life.” Strand Campus also introduced a very successful implementation schedule where the first two periods of a specific day is dedicated to the MOT sessions. Anna Maria reports that this works perfectly to make sure that the sessions are not interrupted. Furthermore, an incredible positive and cohesive atmosphere is experienced throughout the entire campus after the MOT sessions.

## CATHSSETA visits MOT sessions

Sibongile Mbokazi, project manager at the Culture, Arts, Tourism, Hospitality & Sport SETA (CATHSSETA) paid a visit to MOT SA on Tuesday, 16 August 2011. Sibongile visited the College of Cape Town, City and Guguletu Campuses to have a first-hand experience of the MOT programme. MOT SA has received a bursary fund from the CATHSSETA to include 148 students studying art, tourism and hospitality in the MOT life-skills programme. Some of the feedback from the students after their MOT sessions, include:

*"I have learned a lot from MOT. Even my family is impressed with my behaviour and the way I attend classes. It helped me to learn more about myself."*

*"When the Tourism lecturer gives us practicals or tasks, everyone starts to show his/her talents e.g. creativity, brightness, ideas and knowledge."*

*"We all appreciate one another and work well together. We are always laughing and having fun, but when it's work time, we all work well ...TOGETHER."*

## 5<sup>th</sup> Brand Ambassador for MOT SA

Ayanda Tini, born on 14 August 1982, is a mom, a voice-over artist for commercials, an actress on a popular local series *Montana* on SABC 1, and a radio DJ on Good Hope FM. Ayanda will be judging the Fair Lady best beauty 2011, Miss SA Western Cape and Miss SA Teen Western Cape 2011. She also does motivational work with the youth, works with young women, and was a volunteer at Pollsmoor prison. Ayanda works in the community and strives to make the world a better place by making the world laugh and enjoy life through her shows and her interaction with people. Ayanda encourages the youth to be themselves, be reliable, confident and willing to learn if they'd like to get anywhere in life. Ayanda became interested in MOT because of what MOT does and stands for. "By being a Brand Ambassador I am saying, I support the MOT initiative."



Photo: Ayanda Tini, MOT SA Brand Ambassador.

Photos: Students at Guguletu Campus taking part in the MOT sessions, helping them to identify their values and making good choices.



## Joblink system training

On Tuesday, 30 August 2011 MOT SA staff attended a training workshop presented by The Development House who developed the Joblink system for the Mr Price Group. The RedCap Foundation at Mr Price has started a new initiative to empower unemployed youth who have been exposed to life-skills training and mastered certain life-skills to gain employment and upgrade their skills to improve their chances of finding gainful employment and to successfully enter the workplace. MOT SA will identify students who have completed the MOT programme and are ready for Learnership and job placements. The Joblink system will link these candidates with work and Learnership opportunities, and will enable MOT SA to track candidates from entry point through their ongoing career development. This will also be very useful to measure the success and impact of the MOT programme after college. Only students who, according to their MOT Presenters, have mastered the MOT behavioural norms, MOT values and life-skills, will be registered on the Joblink site. Students also receive a certificate on completion of the MOT programme.

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