Power of sisterhood

The Hillsong Church will host its first sisterhood event of the year in 11 locations across the country on Saturday 3 March.

The conference will also be held at Hillsong Church Somerset West at 08:30 for 09:00 and 10:30 for 11:00.

Sisterhood seeks to gather, equip and mobilise women of all ages, backgrounds and cultures, in the belief that together they can indeed make the world a better place.

Similar conferences will also be held in Macassar, Century City, Mitchell’s Plain, Gugulethu, Stellenbosch, the southern suburbs, Centurion, Gauteng and Polismoor Prison. Admission is free and a children’s programme will also be available.

The church will also host its annual women’s conference. Colour, from Wednesday 11 to 14 April at GrandWest’s Grand Arena. About 10 000 women from across South Africa. “It’s an everlasting love story of placing value and belief upon the feminine heart,” a Hillsong Church statement reads.

“Colour is about you and your world. It is humanitarian at its core and our desire as 21st century women is to be strategically positioned to contribute and bring solutions to pressing needs that are both local and global.

“The conference is continually creating pathways for women to raise awareness and mobilise response. With specific focus, this year, locally on raising awareness around domestic violence.”

For more information, visit www.hillsong.com/southafrica.

Heldirberg ECD principals meet

Local NPO Masikhule recently held its annual meeting for principals of early learning centres in the Helderberg, from Macassar to Sir Lowry’s Pass.

The organisation, established in 2005, trains women in early childhood development (ECD) in the region.

“The principal meeting is held for general information sharing for the year — establishing and maintaining our ongoing relationship with the principals of the early learning centres we work with and mentor,” said Masikhule director and founder Leanne Keet.

These early learning centres educate and nurture nearly 2 000 children from 0 to 6 years from marginalised communities, from Macassar through to Sir Lowry’s Pass. The women who run the centres have attended many of the Masikhule training courses, along with their staff, and have been mentored by Masikhule over the years.

Their main objective is to strive towards creating centres of excellence and to register their centre with City’s social development department.

This year Masikhule is offering the following ECD training, at no cost, for women from impoverished communities:

■ First 1 000 Days — from conception to birth;
■ Basic ECD training for unemployed women and carers in crèches;
■ Basic teacher training for teachers in early learning centres;
■ Advanced teacher training for those wishing to enhance their existing skills;
■ Teacher enrichment workshops for senior teachers and principals;
■ Best nutrition workshop for cooks at these centres; and
■ ECD business training management for principals.

Masikhule also facilitates training through other organisations, such as first aid training, computer skills and playsoa.org.

For more details on the organisation, or to contribute towards the costs for training and mentoring, email Leanne on lee@masikhule.org.

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