

## Maltas Inspires Young Talents in Tsumkwe

The prestigious Maltas Club Namibia joined forces with Lark Journeys Namibia last week and held a three-day extensive workshop on leadership and personal development. The purpose of this workshop was to educate the learners about basic life skills, which are vital for the learners to succeed at school. Approximately fifty learners from Grades 8-12 took part in this workshop. Without a doubt the Maltas team learned that their outlook about Tsumkwe has been completely proven otherwise in a very positive manner. The determination and the perseverance of the learners are contagious. They love who they are, and they see an opportunity in everything rather than complaining.

Mr. Piet Toscho Carstens, a 2014 Mandela Washington fellow, encouraged the learners to think for themselves and stop copying the bad habits from their peers. In addition Mr. Petrus Josef Van der Westhuizen, Managing Director of Remnant Couture in Maltahöhe, gave an account on the essence of good moral behavioural and how it can impact once success. He also narrated a personal story of how negative behaviour caused the life of his own sister and encouraged learners to be very mindful of how they conduct themselves as it can negatively or positively contribute to their goals in life.

A fellow Grade 10 learner from the Tsumkwe Secondary School, Titus Shilongo, encouraged the learners that they should be proud of who they are, no matter what other learners say about them. Maltas Club Namibia also joined forces with some of the community members and learners and took the famous “Bushman Walk” for more than 6km. Here the team learned more about how the communities survive in Tsumkwe and the plants which are either use for medicine and also some are for eating purposes. It was clear that when value is added to these commodities through creativity and innovation, the community can certainly generate income in the future to sustain their livelihoods.

After all formalities the learners presented their final presentations on all they have learned throughout the workshop. They were also treated for a farewell dinner at the TUCSIN TSUMKWE Lodge. Maltas Club Namibia has once again committed itself to mentor the learners for this year to monitor their progress for the final examinations.

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