

NELSON MANDELA MUSEUM YOUTH AND HERITAGE CENTRE OPENED TO THE PUBLIC



Nelson Mandela Museum Youth and Heritage Centre in Qunu

The Nelson Mandela Museum Youth and Heritage Centre in Qunu is conceptualized as an integral part of the Nelson Mandela Museum and is intended to provide a living and lasting Legacy of Nelson Mandela in the area of his birth and youth. The project will also address the constituency that is perhaps the closest to the heart of the president, namely children. The Youth and Heritage Centre is situated within viewing distance of President Mandela's Home in Qunu, where he intends to spend most of his time on his retirement.

Mandela spoke about Qunu and Mvezo with deep affection.

“My life began in a small village in the province of the Eastern Cape in South Africa. The village is called Mvezo. I have many fond memories of Mvezo, Qunu, and other places I lived in as a youth. Among these memories is the good education that I had.”

“We played with toys we made ourselves. We moulded animals and birds out of clay. We made Ox-drawn sledges, Nature was our playground. From these days I date my

love of the veld, of open spaces, the simple beauties of nature, and the clean line of the horizon.”

Importantly, much of what Mandela describes above is still a part of everyday life in Qunu where Nelson Mandela Youth and Heritage Centre is located to enable children and youth from all over South

Africa (and especially disadvantaged township children) to experience and enjoy rural life and benefit from the experience, in the way Nelson Mandela did as a young boy.

The centre enables youth from all over South Africa to be nurtured in leadership skills and play together for the duration of the camp. Youth will learn about diverse traditional cultures, dancing, traditional sports like strick fighting, traditional forms of governance,

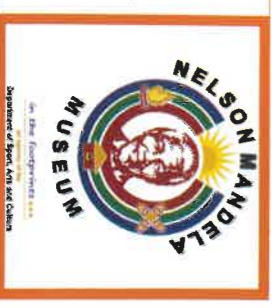


dispute resolution, nonviolent, tolerance and community development programs, etc

The Nelson Mandela Museum Youth and Heritage Centre offers individuals, private companies, and the public sector to hire its Conference Halls, Boardrooms, Accommodation, Sports Hall and Dining Halls and High-end kitchen. The museum further allows for the hiring of its outdoor spaces for Weddings, Campsites, Music Festivals, Children's festivals, Picnic spaces etc.



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