

MEDIA ALERT

City's Youth Environmental School to host Arbor Day programme



25 August 2010

The City's Youth Environmental School (YES) team, in collaboration with Metrorail and the Western Cape Education Department, will host an Arbor Day programme on 1 September 2010 at the Cape Town Station.

One hundred learners from Prince George Primary School in Retreat will be railed in on the Edutrain to join in the celebrations and plant indigenous trees at the Cape Town Station, and in so doing, show their commitment to a more sustainable transport system. They will also participate in lessons and activities on the train.

The aim of this programme is to create greater environmental awareness and appreciation for trees across our Cape Town schools, bringing important greening messages out like:

- Save trees, recycle paper
- Plant trees, save our environment
- One house, one tree
- More trees more life
- Plant them today – save the future.

The national theme for Arbor Week this year is "Plant for the planet – grow green". Each year during Arbor Week, specific common and rare trees are highlighted. The common tree for this year is *Acacia xanthophloea* and the rare trees are *Rothmannia globosa* and *Cladostemon kirkii*.

The City's Youth Environmental School (YES) is an extensive, integrated ongoing youth capacity building, education and awareness programme providing a variety of projects and programmes, activities and resources to all schools.

YES Arbor Day celebration programme

Date: Wednesday 1 September 2010
Time: 10:00-12:00
Venue: Cape Town Station

Ends

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