

Diepsloot community receives Chance 2 Advance certificates

On Friday 28 September 2012, great jubilation filled the air as the community of Diepsloot received their Chance 2 Advance certificates of participation. Despite the threatening weather, hundreds of participants steadily streamed into the venue during the course of the day to collect their much anticipated and highly appreciated certificates.

Participants openly expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to learn new skills and gain a better understanding of social justice issues. Oliver Khupe who attended the programme shared as follows: “This must not end here it must continue throughout for the benefit of all South Africans.” David Kgaue said: “Thank you for giving us a chance of a life time and the skills to take on the world.”

The Diepsloot outreach was the largest community initiative of the Chance 2 Advance to date offering over 100 relevant workshops to students numbering over 12 000. This involved a mammoth logistical undertaking involving over 54 workshop facilitators who participated in workshops held across 8 strategically located venues across Diepsloot. A total of 35 members of the Diepsloot community and 10 Unisa students served in the capacity of Chance 2 Advance learning ambassadors. A further 12 members of the community served as safety and security patrollers. According to Dr Genevieve James, leader of the Chance 2 Advance project, “Having received a taste for the joys and benefits of lifelong learning the people of Diepsloot are now eagerly anticipating the return of the Chance 2 Advance programme. Unisa’s image in the community is at an all time high with members of the community seeking to register as Unisa students.”



Partial crowd photo of one the many C2A programmes during the Diepsloot programme