C2A heading north



The Chance 2 Advance programme is a wide selection of customized and relevant learning initiatives that seek to encourage inspire informal learning. It is for members of the public, grass root communities, businesses, corporates and educationa institutions. Pictured are some of the students in Mthatha, Eastern Cape this year.

Chance 2 Advance is set to host its mega learning and empowerment programme in Dennilton Limpopo from 20 July to the 1 August 2015. The initiative consists of 67 free community empowerment and capacity

building workshops that will be presented mainly by Unisa experts together with facilitators from the University of Pretoria, University of the Free State, University of Kwa-Zulu Natal and practitioners from various national community development organisations.

The programme will be rolled out across 12 venues and will reach the communities of Thabakhubedu, Lesehleng, Ntwane Village, Marapong, Tambo Square, Kwa-Ngolovane, 10 Morgan, 5 Morgan,



Chance 2 Advance in Durban Central and South Basin, Kwa-Zulu Natal

Moshate, Mapekereng and Elandsdoorn. Registrations for this programme closed at 12 892 community participants.

Planning commenced in 2014 with stakeholder engagement to determine the community's learning needs. Marketing and registration kicked off early in the year together with special Learning Ambassador training that was afforded to a cohort of community representatives who have been trained in Community Development, Active Citizenship and how to become community knowledge mobilizers. The Learning Ambassadors, which include Unisa students, are also trained in all aspects of the programme's operations and will assist in the events management of this mega programme.

2015 has been an eventful year for the Chance 2 Advance programme having hosted various initiatives across the country. Since the beginning of the year the communities of Heideveld and Mitchell's Plain - Western Cape, Dennilton and Polokwane – Limpopo, Mthatha – Eastern Cape, Diepsloot, Sunnyside,

Sunnyside, Gauteng

Baviaanspoort and Benoni – Gauteng and Durban Central and South Basin – Kwa-Zulu Natal have benefitted from the programme's range of contextualized, relevant and user friendly workshops.

Project Manager, Dr Genevieve James, wishes to acknowledge the Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Professor Narend Baijnath, for his astute guidance since the inception of the project. Further to this, James acknowledges participating Unisa academic and support staff for their faithful contribution to the

programme. "Distressed communities around the country

are benefitting from the dedicated efforts of our participating staff and students who are directly involved in nation-building through the sharing and mobilizing of their knowledge, skills and resources," she said.