



## Kouga Wind Farm empowers women in Kouga

Women play a vital role in creating a learning environment for their families and communities, both at home and at school, which contributes to the long-term development of their immediate communities.

In the local Kouga communities women head at least 60% of all households. Kouga Wind Farm is of the view that women hold the key to influencing the mindset of the youth and are the gateway to teaching and uplifting people in Kouga in general. The company's vision is to improve education and skills development, and to open the doors to higher learning and job creation. As the national Windaba conference in November

approaches, Kouga Wind Farm will continue the themes of empowerment and seeking opportunities to bring women into the renewable energy space.

Kouga Wind Farm looks forward to sharing ideas with fellow independent power producers.

Kouga Wind Farm is also helping women to drive change in their communities and last month introduced a series of empowering workshops in celebration of Women's Month. Covering a range of topics, from nutrition and fitness to parenting and health, finances and personal development, the four weekly workshops addressed real social challenges

facing the communities of Sea Vista (St Francis Bay), Umzimwethu (Oyster Bay), KwaMkomo and Kruisfontein (both near Humansdorp).

Women of all ages responded enthusiastically to the free workshops and the intention is to create a legacy programme involving a committee of volunteers, who will act as change agents in each community.

Guided by a mentor and sponsored by Kouga Wind Farm, the groups will meet regularly and work towards the implementation of specific projects that will address particular needs of the community, such as an after-care facility for school

children or a food garden.

Each group will report back after six months and deliver presentations on the positive effect their projects have had on their communities. The winning group will receive further community development funding that will aim to benefit their entire community.

The overall aim is to empower women and encourage residents to take responsibility for improving their own environments and make the changes they genuinely feel will make a difference. The 6-month legacy programme will also ensure the change-maker volunteers develop sought-after skills over the 6-month mentorship process.



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Sea Vista women singing

## Kouga Local Economic Development Market & Fashion Design Women's Day Celebrations at CSF Resort



Above: Some of Kouga's fashion designers and volunteer models from Kouga municipality staff and community members strutted about in garments on show at the Kouga LED Market and Fashion Design Women's Day Celebrations held at the Cape St Francis Resort. Top and left, some of the guests at the event.