

Ekurhuleni offers course for amateur film makers

The task of creatively telling South African stories through films can be challenging if one does not have the resources and support from government...



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For this reason the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality has resolved to intervene in advancing the course of amateur film makers within the region through workshops and practical exercises.

The workshops, to be facilitated at various community art centres, will serve as a precursor to the first instalment of the Ekurhuleni Film Festival to be held at the OR Tambo Cultural Precinct in Wattville, on Saturday.

As of today until Friday, art centres such as the Rhoo Hlatshwayo Art Centre in Daveyton, Moses Molelekwa Arts Centre in Tembisa and the Katlehong Art Centre will be hubs of information for film makers.

"The Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality officials in the performing arts section together with stakeholders such as the National Film and Video Foundation and the Services SETA will facilitate the workshops with an intention to unpack and address issues of funding, production and scriptwriting, from development to distribution, acting and directing," spokesperson Themba Gadebe said.

To culminate the week long activities, film makers will be given a platform on Saturday to showcase what they have learned during the workshops by showing their work through short films.

Film makers who are interested in attending the workshops can contact Nomathemba Maseko-Jele on 011 999 0671/ 079 872 8834 or email: nomathemba.maseko-jele@ekurhuleni.gov.za.

According to the Department of Trade and Industry, the film industry contributes R3.5bn to the gross domestic product.