

NWU invites community partners to join a network of experts

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The North-West University (NWU) appreciates the essential work of non-profit organisations (NPOs) and their impact on support provided to surrounding communities. The university extends an invitation to all its existing community partners as well as all other local NPOs ? including schools, faith-based and local government organisations - to register for the Community Stakeholder Forum meeting.



This exciting new forum aims to build capacity in communities through a network of expertise and collective community involvement. “We aim to work closely with NPOs to help identify their knowledge and service needs. The NWU wants to support their work through the sharing of skills and human resources that are available at the university,” says Bibi Bouwman, director for Sustainability and Community Impact.

According to Bibi, the forum will be utilised as a gateway for students who need to complete service learning to reach out to NPOs and become involved in communities.

This is an excellent opportunity for all community partners, and we invite them to register to be part of this dynamic network. This forum meeting is open to everyone involved in community upliftment and projects across the NWU's three campuses. To be part of this network, simply register using the link that will be provided on the NWU's website. Use the [following link](https://forms.gle/CfbhATuPo2t4egcv8) to RSVP for the meeting: <https://forms.gle/CfbhATuPo2t4egcv8>.

Closing date for registration: 30 June 2023.

The venues at all campuses will be communicated to registered participants after the closing date for registration.

The meeting of registered organisations will take place on 19 July 2023 in Vanderbijlpark, on 20 July 2023 in Potchefstroom, and on 21 July 2023 in Mahikeng (from 10h30 to 12h30 at all campuses). Representatives of community partners who are unable to attend in person may join in virtually through the TEAMS links below:

19 July 2023

10h30 – 12h30 Vanderbijlpark

Meeting ID: 370 722 902 582 Passcode: KZCzuH

20 July 2023

10h30 – 12h30 Potchefstroom

Meeting ID: 365 840 467 632 Passcode: BZwx9h

21 July 2023

10h30 – 12h30 Mahikeng

Meeting ID: 323 453 728 482 Passcode: gCzs8g

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