

**External Communications Unit
Press / Media Release**

To : All media
Attention : News Editors & Journalists
Date : 21 August 2012

For the attention of all media houses

**Sedibeng Commemorates the 28th Anniversary of the Vaal Uprising of the
3 September 1984**

The people of Sedibeng will be commemorating the 28th Anniversary of the Vaal Uprising on the 03 September 2012, a celebration of the ground-breaking victories of the communities of Sedibeng in 1984. This day heralded yet another phase of our struggle for liberation of South Africa, a response by the underground leadership to render the country ungovernable in defiance of apartheid.

We will be commemorating the gains attained through the efforts of our selfless heroes and heroines who on the Monday of the 3 September 1984 heeded a call to observe a stay-away in protest against the rent increases announced by the then Lekoa Council. Protest marches took place in all the townships in the region of Vaal.

It is during this period that we will be commemorating the loss of life which gave birth to heroes and heroines. We also celebrate the gallant revolutionary contributions made by the people of Sedibeng in the struggle for human rights. The September 3 commemoration which is popularly known as the Vaal Uprising will be observed through a memorial lecture and a soon to be arranged Heritage summit.

Details of the Memorial Lecture:

Date : 03 September 2012
Venue : Mafatsane Multi-Purpose Hall, Evaton
Time : 16h00

The Heritage Summit will bring together all the organisations representing survivors with deep scars and members of their families of the victims under one roof to develop new ways to observe our historic days..

All these will be happening during the month which has since been declared National Heritage Month which commences on the 1 to 31 September 2012 in South Africa. Our Heritage Month programmes seek to highlight the importance and the political value of our cultural heritage of our diverse communities in our country and the Region.

It is with the above assertions that the Sedibeng District Municipality, invites the people of Sedibeng to memorial lecture in commemoration of this historic anniversary.



This year's Commemoration will be held under the theme, "***Towards A Vaal Metropolitan River City***". Transport will be available for all to attend these commemorative events. Please enquire transport details from your ward councillor.

Ends!

**Issued by the External Communications Department
Sedibeng District Municipality**

For further information:

Dan Manoeli

Acting Director: External Communications

Telephone: +27(0)16 450 3960

Fax: +27(0)16 421 3182

Mobile: +27(0)82 672 8780

Email: danm@sedibeng.gov.za

