



Centre for Education Policy Development

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Draft Invitation to National Workshop on Popular Education and Community Colleges

You are invited to a one-day national workshop on Popular Education that will inform a feasibility study into the establishment of the proposed new Community Colleges. The main aim of the national workshop is to consult with and generate consensus among stakeholder interested and involved in popular education on the feasibility of community colleges.

The White Paper on Post School Education and Training (DHET, 2013), proposes Community Colleges as a new institutional type for the benefit of community organisations, NGOs, workers and their organisations. They are meant to address insufficient and inadequate opportunities for adults and especially youth who cannot be accommodated by universities and Further Education and Training Colleges or, as they will become known, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Centres.

The White Paper also states that 'community colleges should make an effort to draw on the strengths of the non-formal sector (particularly their community responsiveness and focus on citizen and social education), in order to strengthen and expand popular citizen and community education'. Existing Public Adult Learning Centres (PALCs) will be clustered and expanded and through partnerships with community-owned, church-run, workers' and other education and training centres, establish the new community college sub-sector.

The National Popular Education Workshop forms part of the specific deliverables for the feasibility study into the establishment of Community Colleges funded by the Education Training and Development Practices (ETDP) SETA. Others include: a literature review (a draft will be circulated prior to the workshop); interviews with key informants; provincial consultative workshops; and a report of key findings and recommendations.

A discussion paper on Popular Education will also be circulated prior to the workshop.

Date: Monday, **22 September 2014**

Time: 09:30 – 16:30

Venue: CEPD, Empire Park, Empire Road, Parktown.

RSVP by **29th August 2014** with Clara Matlaka at clara@cepd.org.za



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