

EMPOWERING BRIGHT YOUNG MINDS

CFCR JOB SHADOWING PROGRAMME - JULY 2019

Since 2016, the Centre for Constitutional Rights (CFCR) has hosted a Job Shadowing Programme, aimed at high school learners seeking an opportunity to experience the legal profession. The programme is offered in conjunction with one of the CFR's long-time partners, Salesian Life Choices. The students come from disadvantaged backgrounds yet are among the highest performers in their respective schools. The Leaders Quest programme at Salesians Life Choices aims to provide the learners with tutoring services, career guidance, leadership workshops and more.

At the start of July 2019, the Centre welcomed a group of ten Grade 11 learners from the Leaders Quest programme. These young people had all expressed an interest in pursuing a legal career. Over two days, the CFR team shared insights into life as a legal professional, and offered career guidance. The team also provided fundamental information for individuals seeking to pursue a law degree at university. A crash course in the role of the Constitution in South Africa culminated in a lively moot court competition, where the pupils exercised what they had learnt. Each learner also received a hard copy of the Constitution, as a memento of their time spent with the CFR.

The Job Shadowing Programme further included a tour of Parliament, where learners had an opportunity to hear about the inner workings of the national legislature. A greater appreciation for the work of legal professionals - as well as the country's politicians - was instilled.

The annual Job Shadowing Programme is one of the ways that the CFR works to empower young, bright minds. Firstly, by providing the tools and information that will hopefully assist them in pursuing a challenging yet rewarding career in the legal field. Further, the CFR makes use of the Programme to introduce these young people to their Constitution, and make them aware of their constitutionally-enshrined rights and responsibilities.

The CFR team looks forward to welcoming a second group of learners in September 2019.

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