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National Lotteries Commission to Celebrate Mandela Day at National Children's Theatre

18 July 2025, the National Lotteries Commission (NLC) Commissioner Jodi Scholtz and NLC staff will join the National Children's Theatre (NCT) in Parktown, Johannesburg in celebration of Mandela Day 2025, under the global theme: *"It's still in our hands to combat poverty and inequity."*

This gathering marks a national call to action to honor Nelson Mandela's legacy of service, education, and community upliftment. Mandela Day is a reminder that every individual has the power to transform the world through acts of kindness and positive impact.

In 2024, the NLC awarded a grant of **R2,216,706.00** to the National Children's Theatre as part of its *Funding for Impact* initiative. This grant funding empowered NCT to:

- Touch **5725 lives** through creative outreach and educational programming
- Creating **45 youth jobs** in the creative arts sector
- Train **18 teachers** in arts integration and theatre education
- Feature **50 child actors** in *Disney's The Lion King JR.*

Jodi Scholtz, Commissioner of the NLC, said "As we commemorate Nelson Mandela Day, partnering with the National Children's Theatre reminds us of Madiba's unwavering belief in the power of education and storytelling to shape young minds. Through the arts, we not only celebrate his legacy, but we pass it on to future generations."

In alignment with the day's message, NLC provincial offices across the country will also participate by visiting projects they have funded in their respective provinces, continuing their commitment to fighting

poverty and promoting equitable development.

The NLC calls upon all South Africans to take part in this legacy movement by demonstrating that every act of service, every empowered child, and every uplifted voice contributes to building a better future for all.

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