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WELKOM YOUTH PRODUCES ANTI-CRIME MOVIE

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Drama is fun ... the cast of the *Dayani Life* movie, most of whom are former offenders, showing off their acting skills

The Nyakallong Arts and Drama Society (NADS) officially launched its first 5D film, *Dayani Life*.

The provincial government subsidised film, was shot at a district prison and focuses on the violence between two gangs called the 28's and 26's.

The movie, which was shot all over the Lejweleputswa District Municipality including Allanridge police station, Odendaalsrus, Virginia and Welkom – focuses on corruption that takes place in prisons and shows how prisoners get away with crime in the country by changing their names in order to avoid prosecution.

The Lejweleputswa District Municipality has contributed R500 000 to the project.

“It was an honour to have the Mayor, Mathabo Leeto, funding the movie and telling us that she believes in us,” said Matshokolo Tloome, one of the managers of the NADS.

He said making the movie was a gruelling exercise but added that completing it was a dream come true for NADS.

“This is the first movie in the Free State with subtitles and first to be shot with 5D cameras.”

NADS was formed in 1995 and re-established in 2004 when Jacky Moshane, an ex-offender joined the organisation.

“While I was in jail I realised that I had wasted my time committing petty crimes. My mission was to prevent young people from making the same mistakes. I wanted them to realise that even when they made mistakes, it is possible to start over,” said Moshane.

NADS members range from 16 to 30 years of ages and most of them are ex-offenders.

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Leeto applauded the cast of the movie and NADS for the great film they produced.

“As leaders and parents of the district we need to recognise, nurture and support these extra-ordinary individuals. We must realize that the children and youth are our future, if we do not develop them we are literally throwing away our tomorrow.

I am not saying this because producers of this film come from the same small town where I was born, but we praise them because they have an amazing talent and are dedicated to their craft.”

In 2005, NADS scooped first place in the Anti-Crime competition initiated by the Free State Social Development. They also won an award at the Macufe festival in 2007.

In 2008, three members of the group were chosen to represent NADS and perform at the Grahamstown National Arts Festival.

Moshane said their long term plan for the group is to become a top film production company in the province, develop sufficient rehabilitation programmes for young offenders and groom the cast of Dayani lifeto become professional actors.

The film is due for release in September across all cinemas throughout the country.

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