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The Jacaranda Protective Workshop Forum is a platform where protective workshops in the Gauteng region have the opportunity to communicate, share, learn and support each other. The management team provides guidance and assistance in product development and marketing. The Forum also manages a retail outlet named 'We Can? Rea Kgoni?', where all the member workshops have the opportunity to provide products/ handcrafted items to be marketed and sold.

History

The Jacaranda Protective Workshop Forum started in 2004 when some protective workshops got together to share information and support each other.

The Jacaranda Forum has grown to more than 26 members, consisting of Workshops from all over Tshwane. The Workshops cater for individuals with various disabilities, including physical, visual, hearing, mental and intellectual disabilities.

Employment Solutions initiated the Forum as a project and currently has a managerial role, which assists amongst others in administration and human resources, marketing as well as the management of finances.

The Department of Social Development is subsidising the Jacaranda Forum for Protective Workshops in Tshwane. The subsidy is used for marketing.

Vision

To empower and build the capacity of persons with disabilities to improve their quality of life, the Forum strives:

- To **market** the abilities of persons with disabilities in protective workshops.
- To promote the **training** of personnel and persons with disabilities in protective workshops

- To act as a co-coordinating and **liaising** body for organisations engaged or interested in protective workshops.

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