

## Women's Leadership and Training Programme

The project is based in Centocow, South Africa and is supported by Exmouth Quaker Meeting.

The Women's Leadership and Training Programme (WLTP) organises workshops for teenage girls from the amaKhuze Tribal Authority in Centocow to help them discover their own leadership skills to deal with issues of gender and patriarchy that affect their education. Abduction of girls for marriages is common in the region, and prevents them finishing their primary and secondary education.

The previous workshops have covered issues such as leadership, patriarchy, adolescent health and sexuality. They also introduced the girls to rituals linking them to their history and heritage, encouraging them to reclaim them and engage in local conservation. Girls also received training on advocating for clean water since they are the ones responsible for walking miles to collect it for their household.

The workshops are a mix of new attendees and girls who have attended previous workshops, so that the girls inspire each other through ideas from both groups. The new girls bring vibrancy and engage with the processes and information with enthusiasm. Forthcoming workshops for the girls will include work on water testing and advocacy, leadership and identity; and for parents, how to support girls at school and at home.

