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**Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and recreation and the National  
Department of Arts and Culture to host 9<sup>th</sup> annual Oral history conference:**

The oral history conference is one of the important key aspects of the Archives in South Africa and the idea was started in 2004 by the department of Arts and Culture to converge under one roof and to conduct oral history research. This year is the 9<sup>th</sup> oral history conference and it will be celebrated in Thaba Nchu, Free State. The theme of the conference is **“Oral history, communities and the liberation struggle: reflective memories in post-apartheid South Africa”**

Oral History has a very simple purpose and that is to address issues and matters which were not recorded or captured or restored as expected like any other history of any other country. Also to raise awareness of the role of memory, which normally is transferred to other people and community members orally.

The provincial archives as the central vehicle for oral history conference, plays a role of capturing and archiving memories of that nature. Involvement of learners is encouraged not to become historians or archivists but to instill the culture of knowing who they are.

The conference aims to make the Free State communities aware of the past, present and future and to sensitise the elders, to transmit the information to the youth for them to know the information and for the academics and archivists to record it.

The conference will be hosted as follows:

Venue: Black Mountain Hotel and Resort  
Date: 8 - 11 October 2012  
Time: 08:00 - 16:30 every day

**All media houses are invited to cover the event.**

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