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A Commission for Gender Equality Newsletter

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Outreach, advocacy & access to justice in the Free State

The Commission for Gender Equality in the Free State, together with several stakeholders, hosted outreach, advocacy & access to justice interventions on 16 February, in Tumahole Parys and again on 22 February in Edenburg. Free State Education Officer, Boitumelo Zwane addressed communities about the work and mandate of the CGE, and how it assists with public complaints related to gender inequality. "The fight against gender-based violence needs community members to clearly understand the processes of duty bearers and how they can each assist", she said. Stakeholders who participated and engaged with the community members to assist in unpacking the information to aid understanding of the roles of the different justice bodies were the National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Social Development,



South African Police Service, Legal Aid South Africa and the Department of Justice. Among some of the topics discussed by the stakeholders, community members were implications of withdrawing complaints and the safety of GBV survivors through services and functions of victim empowerment and victim friendly facilities.

Taking Gender Mainstreaming to Ndlambe



The Commission for Gender Equality (CGE), Eastern Cape office provided training to the Ndlambe Local Municipality Management on gender mainstreaming. The session was presided over by the Speaker of the Municipality. The targeted group of participants were executives from Corporate Services,

Infrastructure, Special Programmes Unit, Finances and Local Economic Development, who deal with services related to socio-economic rights. The CGE strategically targets executives to ensure that institutions consider gender equality in their planning, implementation and monitoring. The CGE analysed the municipality's Integrated Development Plan and the audit tool/questionnaire that was submitted to them. The local municipality provided positive feedback and will be implementing the recommendations of the report.

Rekaofela SEMINAR

Against Gender Based Violence and Femicide
-Strengthening the fight against the scourge of GBV and Femicide -

In response to unprecedented rates of gender-based violence and Femicide prevalence, besides many other social problems faced by South Africa.

Punctuated by practical examples and testimonies, the seminar will provide a platform for an interdisciplinary exchange between featured experts on the subject matter

As the name suggests, Rekaofela means "We are together" in Sesotho. Contributing as NGOs, Businesses, Law Enforcement Agencies, Judiciary and affected communities, towards efforts made to prevent and mitigate GBV and Femicide cases in the Hillbrow catchment areas of Johannesburg.

EMPERORS PALACE
64 Jones Road, Kempton Park

Thursday
24 Feb
2022

From
08:00-15:30

LINED UP SPEAKERS



MS LISA VETTEN

Research/project consultant at Faculty of Humanities, University of Johannesburg; and research associate of Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Wits.



MAJOR GENERAL M MASHA

Commissioner, Johannesburg East-District SAPS.



MS TAMARA MATHEBULA

Chairperson of GCE The Commission of Gender Equality (CGE)



MR ISH MKHABELA

Chairperson, The Johannesburg Inner City Partnership (JICP).



MAGISTRATE MERVIN BOOYSEN

Randburg Magistrate Court



MR MARK FISH

Bafana-Bafana legend and founder and Chairperson of the Mark Fish Foundation.

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Focus on Young Girls' Health Matters



The Desmond Tutu Health Foundation, in partnership with IAVI, hosted the fifth webinar in its 'WeMove' series of adolescent health research webinars. The webinar on Thursday focused on Gender-Based Violence. Speakers shared their intervention methods in the fight against this epidemic. Dr Pinky Mahlangu of the South African Medical Research Council shared two of their interventions Skhokho and Ntombi Vimbela. The webinar addressed stress and coping mechanisms, as well as relationships between parents and their teenage children. The discussions encompassed self-defence

training and what young women should do to foster well-being and self-care. Dr Mahlangu shared that the interventions produce evidence of improved communication and confidence among the young females. The webinar was also joined by a team of panellists who raised the importance of including boys and men in these interventions, as to shift the responsibility on women learning to defend themselves, but onto men learning not to be perpetrators of violence, and a need for a mental and behavioural change in our societies.

CRIME STATISTICS THIRD QUARTER OF 2021/2022

Cases reported to the SAPS from 1 October 2021 to 31 December 2021. These statistics are compared to the previous reporting corresponding period.

ALL SEXUAL OFFENCES -9%

11,315 PEOPLE RAPED

*This is a decrease of 903 cases compared to previous reporting period.

RAPE -7.4%

*All nine provinces recorded decreases in rape cases.

2,605 KIDNAPPINGS

There have been 686 more cases of kidnapping, compared to the same comparative period.