

Social Work Day



Social Workers and Social Auxiliary Workers in Mangaung Metro celebrated the World Social Work Day on the 18th of March 2015. The celebration was held at Protea Hotel central in Bloemfontein. The purpose was to give recognition to and raise awareness on the effects of social work. It was also to encourage professionals in the field of social work to take a moment to celebrate the global efforts and to promote social and economic equality to ensure human rights and dignity to all.

World Social Work Day falls each year on the third Tuesday of March. This is a significant occasion each year for the global social work organisations, International Association of Schools of Social Work (IASSW) and the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) to make the activities, and contributions of social work visible and the voice of social work heard.

Mangaung Social Workers spent their special day by engaging in code of ethics and moral decay, in the social work profession, the problems /challenges identified were: Lack of supervision, High case load, Passion for the profession, Dress Code.



There was a dialogue between old social workers and new social workers about what inspired them (new social workers) to become social workers and what motivated the old social workers to stay in the profession. The above mention challenges were discussed.

The motivational speaker was Ms Grace Mosia, she indicated that the professionals are afraid of challenges because of the unknown fear. She also defined fear as an emotion induced by a threat perceived by living entities which causes a change in brain and organ function and ultimately a change in behaviour, such as running away, hiding or freezing from traumatic events. She said the fear maybe perceived as risk to health or life. She motivated them to see their work with clients as an investment and that they must think carefully what they say to the clients.



We salute all social workers and social auxiliary workers! Those in government and in private practice, qualified Social Workers and those still studying.