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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WELCOME NEW SOCIAL WORKERS

The Acting HOD of the Department of Social Development Mr. Wessels Linstrom will tomorrow (05 April) welcome 38 newly appointed social workers who completed their studies at the end of 2012 at a ceremony in Bloemfontein, Protea Hotel at 10H00.

The new Social Workers were awarded scholarship by the Department of Social Development to study Social Work at various Universities in the country. They will be resuming their duties as from the 08th April 2013 in different districts.

For the past two days these young professionals have been through Induction programme to orientate them on working conditions, government policies, programmes and challenges faced by Free State Communities.

Social Work Profession has been declared a scarce skill in the country and worse in the province hence there is National Scholarship and Bursary Programmes aimed at promoting, recruiting and retaining Social Workers to help the country fight the social ills that are associated with underdevelopment and poverty.

Social workers work with individuals, groups and communities to enhance their capacity to function maximally within society. Their aim is to restore and improve the social functioning of people through a range of services including: promotion and prevention, protection, rehabilitation, mental health and addiction, and continuing care services.

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