



Media Advisory

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Youth Day Celebrations with ENGO to raise Awareness on social ills affecting youth

The Department of Social Development in partnership with ENGO will be hosting Youth Day Commemorations on 16 June 2022 at Ons Kinderhuis in Willows, Bloemfontein. This will be held under the theme, "Developing myself for the community". This awareness programme aims at addressing social ills affecting youth such as bullying, children in conflict with the law, substance abuse and teenage pregnancy.

The event will be hosted as an awareness campaign with the aim to empower young people with social skills so that they can be able to make informed decisions about their lives. There will be various activities that seek to empower and steer the youth from ENGO that caters for children in need of care from all cultures as well as children from Tshireletsong Child and Youth Care Centre (CYCC) as well as children from foster care homes like, Le rona re bana foster care home and other foster care homes in the right direction. There will be various activities which include sport and recreation sessions where children will participate in boxing, judo, cross country, netball and soccer. They will also have a puppet show for young children, art, drama and dance sessions.

Amongst their target participants are the foster care parents and youth who will engage in a dialogue with the Youth Care Workers and Social workers to discuss social problems affecting children and youth in their families, their school, township, community, province and their country as a whole.

ENGO is a non-profit organisation (NPO) and a Child and Youth Care Centre that currently cares for over 122 children in need of care from all cultures, with ages from 0 to 18 years. The centre provides 24 hours protection, care, education, development and treatment programs from a Christian perspective to as many children in the Free State as possible who need safety, protection and a safe supervision on a cost effective and financially sound basis. Their vision is to give children in need of care hope for their future.

Details of the event are as follows:

Date: 16 June 2022

Time: 09H00

Venue: Ons Kinderhuis (ENGO) Child and youth centre 943 Victoria Road, Willows, Bloemfontein)

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