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Free State officials commemorate World Aids Day

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The officials of the Department of Water and Sanitation in Free State joined the rest of the world to commemorate World Aids Day on Monday, 05 December 2016 in memory of those who have passed on due to this epidemic.

This ceremony was organised by the Employee Health and Wellness Office and all officials in attendance praised the organisers and said the event was an important one

One attendee, Mrs Justine Werner, Assistant Technical Officer: Hydrology Support said she doesn't regret attending the ceremony as it was useful and an eye opener on a number of issues that she was unaware of.

" The information session was presented in a professional, educational and well - structured manner. I have learnt so much about the virus and especially to remind me about my attitude towards people living with HIV/Aids," she said.

She encouraged everyone to show love to people living with HIV/AIDS virus by not discriminating against them.

Meanwhile, Mr Thabo Phinithi said "I have learnt a lot today, specifically about what each candle symbolizes.

"It is very important to tell our children the realities of life, and encourage them to abstain until the time is right and have tested with their partner. Also to support the infected people and encourage them to stick to treatment as the illness can be treated as any chronic disease, he said.

Professional nurses encouraged everyone in attendance to get tested regularly so that they know their status and when they are found to be HIV positive, they can start with a treatment as early as possible.

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