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NYDA WORLD AIDS DAY COMMEMORATION AND OPPORTUNITY EXPO

The National Youth Development Agency (NYDA) commemorates World Aids Day under the theme "***Let communities lead.***"

The NYDA has partnered with various government stakeholders, Department of Health, Love Life and the Department of Social Development to help and share knowledge with young people regarding health, wellness and social services.

The latest data by SA Aids Council states that the prevalence of HIV infections are twice as much in young women aged 25 to 29 when compared to young men in the same age group and this a cause for societal concern which we must all address.

The engagement will host 800 young people from and around Heidelberg in two sessions, being sports and focus groups with stakeholders including Youth Life, Love life, the Department of Health, the Department of Social Development as well as Youth HIV & AIDS activists.

The Agency is encouraging young entrepreneurs are invited to exhibit at the engagement to share information and business services with their peers.

The Executive Chairperson of the NYDA, Ms Asanda Luwaca said "The aim of the commemoration is to empower our communities for them to lead the war against GBV as well as HIV/Aids infections in youth and particularly women. We also aim to promote a healthy lifestyle and provide career counselling, mentorship and access to funding".

Details to the engagement are as follows:

Date: 1 December 2023

Venue: Ratanda Multipurpose Hall, Heidelberg

Time: 08:00

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