

HEAIDS CONFERENCE IN DURBAN, ICC

FROM 09 – 11 JUNE 2017



Student Support Social Coordinator, Ms Yvonne Shilowa from ORBIT TVET College, delivered a presentation on the Wellness Peer Mentors Programme, under the theme 'The power of life skills and peer education'

Abstracts from Track 1: *"Emerging good practices among the youth: Peer Education programmes, and community engagement. What works and what doesn't work"*, compiled by the Student Support Unit at ORBIT College, were among those selected to be presented at the 2017 HEAIDS Conference. The event was held at Durban ICC- Events & Entertainment venue from 9 – 11 June 2017.

The theme was "Ukuhlonyiswa Kwabasha"- Empowering our youth in South Africa-Sharing innovative practices towards health education, health promotion, knowledge generation and capacity building amongst our youth within the post school sector"

The aim of the conference was to bring a wide range of delegates together to interact and share emerging good practices on HIV, STIs, TB, general health and wellness issues as they are cross cutting to the achievement of the core educational outcomes in South Africa.

Student Support Social Coordinator, Ms Yvonne Shilowa, delivered a presentation on the Wellness Peer Mentor (WPM) programme, themed *'The power of life skills and peer education'*. The dialogue session was broadcast live on national news channel, SABC (channel 404). Panel members included the first lady, Ms Tobeka Madiba Zuma; Chairperson of *She Conquers*, Ms Lerato Morulane; Director General of Murray Trust Activate, Ms Mandisa Ntombela and Deputy Minister of Higher Education & Training, Honourable Mduduzi Manana

Some of the issues raised by the students in attendance included: domestic violence, the 'blesser'/sugar-mama phenomenons, HIV prevention and/or treatment, youth-friendly services at health care centres, unavailability of clinics in TVET Colleges, amongst others.

Media personality, Ms Criselda Kananda-Dudumashe was the Programme Director for the event.



Ms M Ramokgadi (Mankwe Campus Student Support Officer: Social), Ms M Mahila (Rustenburg Campus Student Support Officer: Social), Mr T Ditlamelo, Ms Y Shilowa (Student Support Coordinator: Social), Ms M Ngomane (Brits Campus student), Ms R Mitsileng and Mr P Tekana (Brits Campus Student Support Officer: Social). Not included on photo: Mr T Tshite (Mankwe Campus student)



Level 3 Management student, Ms N Ngomane, engaging the Deputy Minister of Higher Education and Training, Mr Mduzuzi Manana on issues affecting young people, including HIV/AIDS