

Mangaung successfully launches Family Values Programme

The Speaker of Mangaung Municipal Metro, councillor Mxolisi Siyonzana launched MMM's Good and Positive Family Values Programme on Friday, 12 September at the Bloemfontein City Hall in line with the Council decision.

The occasion was attended by community leaders, representatives of different stakeholders, councillors, religious leaders, school principals and ward committees.

The theme of the event was "Building good men who care / Re aha banna ba sebele / Sakha amadoda anenkathalo".

Highlighting the objectives and purpose of the Good and Positive Family Values Programme, the speaker said "the programme seeks to promote the practice of good and positive family values by men in our society; the abuse of women and children by men should be stopped through the inculcation of good and positive family values and building of positive role models for children in order to stop the raping of women and girls."

The special guests of the event who also spoke during the launch included: His Majesty King Zwelonke Sigcawu of Nqandu Royal Palace, MEC Sisi Ntombela of FS Social Development, Advocate Jupiter Phaladi of COGTA FS, Mr Petrus Molemela an Elder from Mangaung, Bishop Billyboy Ramahlele of UFS, Dr Van der Roos Chairperson of School Governing bodies in the Free State to name a few.

In her keynote address, MEC Sisi Ntombela emphasized that men must become real men i.e live and practice good family values wherever they go so that they become exemplary to the young boys. This would inculcate a culture of respect by men

and boys towards women and girls, she said.

Religious leaders of different religions who spoke during the event emphasized that the practice of basic values of their different religions would turn the tide regarding the senseless killings and rapes of women by men.

King Zwelonke Sigcawu spoke on the role of culture and tradition in the protection of women, children, the elderly and other vulnerable groups within the society. The King stressed the importance of the practice of culture and traditions accordingly as a point of departure in order to ensure that men treat women and girls with the respect they deserve and that the same applies for women and children.

Messages of support for the official launch were delivered by the representative of the following organisations: Correctional Services, SAPS, FS Council of Churches, Befrienders of Bloemfontein, Borapedi ba Setso, Imam and others.

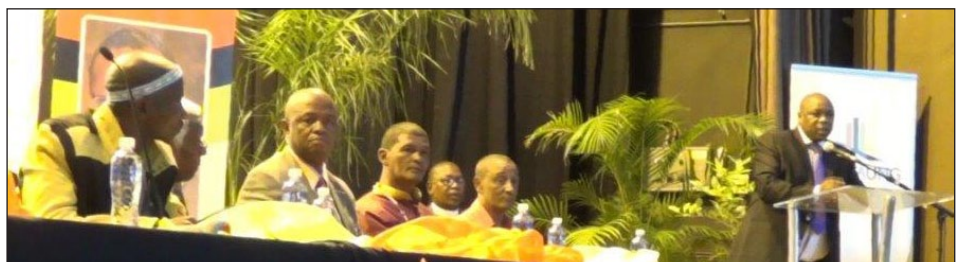
Councillor Siyonzana outlined the way forward of the Programme and said that the programme is to be launched and implemented in the residential wards of the Mangaung Metro spearheaded and championed by ward councillors and ward committees in their respective wards.



Mangaung Metro Speaker, Cllr. Mxolisi Siyonzana lead the proceedings at the launch held on Friday, 12 September 2014.



Various denominations and stakeholders were part of the launch.



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