



INVITATION

Corporate Relations Division
cordially invites you to attend an awareness seminar on

Harmful Cultural/Traditional Practices and Early Marriages

in commemoration of Human Rights Month

Venue: Howard College Theatre, Howard College Campus

Date: 29 March 2017

Time: 12h30 – 14h00

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LECTURE OUTCOMES:

- An overview of HCTP and EM
- The Human Rights Dimension(s) of Ukuthwala
- The Psycho-social implications of the Act
- The Reproductive Implications of HCTP and EM on women and girls

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SPEAKERS:

Adv. Victoria Balogun is a senior Law lecturer and the co-founder of the Access to Justice programme at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, KZN-RSA. She specialises in Sexual and Reproductive Rights, which is an integral part of medical law. Her work focuses on different aspects of women's rights and health law. She has a particular interest in sexual and reproductive rights, medical law, human rights, access to justice, disability rights and human and drug trafficking, especially in the African context. She has done consultancy work for various organisations including the UNICEF, UNFPA, CCJD, Street Law, IPLT, Commission for Gender and Equality and the AU.

Ms Thora Mansfield is the Director and founder of The Open Door Crisis Care Centre, a "one stop" multifaceted, multi-disciplinary non-profit organisation established in 1997 to address serious issues in all forms of violence against women and children. The Centre is recognised as a leader, both nationally and internationally, working in the field of Human Trafficking. Their shelter Ikhyala Le Themba is the first shelter in KwaZulu-Natal to gain accreditation and is recognised as a best practise for victims of trafficking and all forms of abuse. Thora is known for lobbying for better service provision, fighting injustice and anti-human rights issues. Over 100 000 men, women and children have received counselling, social services and support in their times of crisis and trauma. Thora has won 18 awards for recognition of her work and has been sponsored to travel to the UK, America, Cambodia, Bangkok and Singapore to seek best practises.

Ms Nozuko Mtshali is a final year law student at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg Campus. Prior to studying law she worked briefly as a youth pastor and did voluntary work with organisations such as Diakonia Council of Churches and The Institute for Healing of Memories focusing on youth engagement and participation in social justice issues. She has an interest in Human Rights (children and women's rights in particular) as well as Social Justice.

Professor Deevia Bhana is a DST/NRF South African Research Chair (SARCHI, Tier 1) and Professor in Gender and Childhood Sexuality: violence, inequalities and schooling at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. Her inquiries into the complex dynamics of children's gendered and sexual cultures and questions about how schools can work towards gender equality, takes on an interdisciplinary approach drawing on the sociology of childhood, critical feminist and sexuality studies, masculinities, and the political economy. She is a published writer and editor; and has received numerous awards in her field. Professor Bhana has been on UKZN's Top 30 prolific researchers in 2008, 2009 and 2010 and is regarded as a pioneer in the field of South African gender and childhood sexualities. She is a B 2-rated National Research Foundation (NRF) researcher.