

LEAVE OVER FESTIVE PERIOD

The following arrangements will be in place over the upcoming festive period:

- The MDDA will operate on skeleton staff from 18 to 22 December 2017 and 3 to 5 January 2018.
- MDDA Offices will be closed from 27 December 2017 to 2 January 2018.
- The office will be fully operational from 8 January 2018.

Leave taken from 8 December 2017 to 2 January 2018 will be deducted from the staff member's annual leave and the normal leave application must be followed via the MDDA ESS platform, before the leave is taken.

Staff members who have insufficient annual leave credits may borrow up to 4 days annual leave credits, that would have been accumulated by the end of the current leave cycle ending 31 March 2018.

No staff member is allowed to carry more than 6 days annual leave credits into the new leave cycle that commences on 1 April 2018. Therefore, staff members are encouraged to utilise their annual leave credits by 31 March 2018.

Alfred Nzo CR turns 10

MDDA representatives Gugulethu Bonnet and Sedirola Sithole participated in the Alfred Nzo Community Radio 10th Anniversary celebrations.

This milestone event, held at Msikaba Conference Centre in Mbizana in the Eastern Cape, provided the ideal opportunity for the station to hand out congratulatory awards to management, staff, presenters and listeners and to acknowledge those municipalities that have supported the station over the years. Gugu gave a message of support from the MDDA and presented the Outstanding Marketing Performer award to - Ms Koketso Mbena, while Sedirola presented the award to the Outstanding Technical Officer - Mr Sinethemba Mbekwa. They were also part of the anniversary cake blessing and cutting.



Congratulations to:

- Mashudo Mathobo on passing the post graduate diploma in Applied Accounting Science (NQF 8), known as CTA.



- Advocate Musa Sishange who has been appointed as Acting Chairperson of the MDDA Board.



#Change starts with me

MDDA Project Officer Kabelo Thelele was on hand to support the MDDA and Soul City HIV/AIDS & Tuberculosis anti-stigmatization campaign which coincided with World AIDS day (1 December). The campaign brought together the MDDA's community media beneficiaries in 4 provinces: KwaZulu-Natal, Free State, Gauteng (shown above) and North West, for training from Soul City (29-30 November 2017) on issues of stigmatization.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- International Human Rights Day - 10 December
- MDDA staff strategy planning - 14 December 2017
- Closing date for changes to medical aid plans - 15 December 2017. Remember Discovery members can downgrade their plan at any time during the year, but can only upgrade to a higher plan once a year.