



Team player: As part of the annual Telethon, the staff of the NID: Centre of Knowledge participated in capturing data and calling potential donors for the benefit of multi disabled people with hearing loss. Here our staff are hard at work together with other personnel of the NID, moments before the De la Bat School for the Deaf's team were crowned winners. Funds raised thanks to vigorous cycling by different teams for 24 hours and phone calls being made to possible donors, are still coming in. The event took place in the Mountain Mill Shopping Centre.

To host or not to host?

A team from the NID: Centre of Knowledge recently paid Swaziland a visit as scouts.

From September 8 - 10 they were to determine whether or not Swaziland has the infrastructure and capacity to host the 3rd Africa Workshop of the Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and Deafness.

Andries van Niekerk, Hanlie Visser and Sanjay Beepat were tasked to evaluate various facilities and services in Swaziland.

The workshop will be co-hosted by the Swaziland National Association of the Deaf who are responsible for the local organizing committee.

Mr Makhosini Makhubu, Vice-chair of the Africa Contact Group for Mental Health and

Deafness, will be Chairperson of the local organizing committee.

Various hotels and conference facilities were inspected and the team also met with the government.

They were also acquainted with the Swaziland National Association for the Deaf (SNAD) and members of the government who will be working with them to host this workshop.

"It was a pleasure to see the positive attitude the Swaziland government had towards the workshop," says Van Niekerk.

The team found that Swaziland fit all the requirements to host a workshop of this caliber.

However, the final decision of hosting the workshop in Swaziland still has to be made.



Donation: The De la Bat School for the Deaf recently received five digital communication systems thanks to a visit from the CEO of Bellman & Symfon, Peter Jungvid, and Dianne Bell of Hearability. They were visiting the NID Centre of Knowledge and also made a stop at the school, where they learned about the needs there.



Workshop: The NID: Centre of Knowledge's Public Education & Awareness team recently hosted a workshop to have different role players in the disability sector meet and discuss issues pertaining to hearing loss (above).

Casual Day 2010: Staff at Police Stations (top left and left) in Worcester, Paarl and Claremont received information on hearing loss on Casual Day. This is part of an initiative to bring Public Education & Awareness to all the stations in the province.



Madiba! This statue of Nelson Mandela (in front of the Drakenstein Correctional Centre where a PEA session was given) has an inscription which rings true to the message of respect for the diversity in hearing loss we bring: 'For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others'.

Lotto snaps PEA

The NID: Centre of Knowledge received its first site visit from the National Lottery and not only did they seem satisfied, they even took a picture of the visual display the team presented.

The visit came

as part of an inspection from the Lotto to see how funds that were previously allocated to some divisions at the NID, were applied.

After a quick look at the weighty report prepared on PEA activities, they were off.

"They were very impressed," was Hennie Krog's summary of the quick inspection here. "We hope that they were so impressed with our work that they in future also consider funding us, as well as other divisions here."

Signing and using your lips: latest finds

Although people move their mouths when they communicate in SL, scientists have debated whether the lip movements were part of signing or whether they're connected directly to spoken language.

The journal *Psychological Science*. (September 2010) says a

new study found that when people use British Sign Language (BSL), their hand and lip movements are guided by separate parts of the brain and are not part of the same sign.

The study included both deaf and hearing SL users.

"In essence, they're doing the same

thing as reading an English word aloud without pronouncing it.

"So they seem to be processing two languages at the same time," study author David P. Vinson, of University College London, said in news release.

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