

# Phuza Wise Campaign gains momentum

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The Seriti Institute together with Soul City Institute held a peaceful Phuza Wise walk against alcohol abuse in Tembisa on Tuesday last week.

The walk was done by members of the community and various organisations such as the Community Policing Forum (CPF), Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Police Department (EMPD), South African Police Services (SAPS), Treatment Action Campaign and various churches.

According to the Seriti Institute co-ordinator and the Phuza Wise ambassador in Tembisa, Andile Mayitsale, the walk was done to make people aware of the Phuza Wise Campaign.

The walk included a prayer for the victims of alcohol and substance abuse that was held at the Tembisa Hospital.

"We chose to come to the hospital because this is where most victims of alcohol and substance abuse are. We want to show them that we care and we want to help them," said Mayitsale.

He also added that they were happy with the outcome of the walk because more people were made aware of the work that the institutes do for the community.

Tembisa Police Station's Colonel Johan Jacobs signed a memorandum that was handed over to him by delegates from the Seriti Institute and Soul City Institute.

"This will strengthen the relationship that we as the police have with the community. Alcohol is the main contributor of crimes that are committed in the community," said Colonel Jacobs.

He further added that the community must join hands so that the problem of alcohol abuse can be rooted out.

"We are looking forward to working together with the community and to continue with the fight against crime," he concluded. CPF chairlady Pascalinah Nxumalo, pleaded with those who sell alcohol to sell it responsibly.

"They must take care of their customers and make sure that they do not misbehave once they are drunk," said Nxumalo.

She also sent a message to parents who sent their children to buy alcohol for them that strict measures would be taken against them.

"I cannot tell people to quit alcohol but I urge them to drink responsibly," she said.



Delegates at the Tembisa police station.