

University of KwaZulu-Natal Celebrates World Social Work Day 17 March 2009

World social work day was celebrated by over 600 students, staff and practitioners at UKZN. The planning committee consisting of an exceptionally enthusiastic group of staff and students organised a very successful event with a series of brief presentations from the Deputy Vice Chancellor - Professor Mazibuko, the Dean of the Faculty - Professor McCracken, a practitioner - Mrs Buyi Moreki and a service user- Nozipo. The service user was a young girl from the streets of Durban who focused on the abuse experienced at the hands of police and how social work students made a difference to their lives. In addition six students - four local and two international - delivered brief but power packed presentations on their visions for social work. All this was interspersed with entertainment. The students were totally taken up by the legendary Ernie Smith who took time of his busy recording schedule to entertain us free of charge. We are certain that with the overwhelmingly positive response from the students, Ernie believed that it was worth it. Ernie thank you. And our students shone beyond academia. Olga ... thank you for the music ... well what can we say ... you say [sing] it best! The gumboot dancing provided by youth from the streets of Durban had us enthralled as did the Single Ladies, Beyonce performance by our social work students.





