

WOMEN OF PURPOSE

As part of 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children, Woman of Purpose together with Office on the Status of Women (OSW) in the Northern Cape Office of the Premier held an event at the Rietvale Community Hall in Ritchie on 5 December 2018.

Women, community leaders, various faith based groups, The South Africa Police Service, Department of Social Development and Office of the Premier congregated at the community hall to give their voice in the fight against gender based violence.

Motivational speakers shared sentiments on empowering communities particularly women on dreaming big and achieving their goals. Pastor Vivienne Davids said there are many dream killers that often impose on achieving these dreams such as lack of support, fear, rejection, finances and our environments. "In order for you to achieve anything, ask God for boldness and courage and remember ordinary people like you and I can achieve extraordinary things," she remarked.

Sharing words of encouragement and support, Ms Ellen Laban from OSW remarked, "In our Office we believe in empowering and uplifting women both young and old. We are public servants and it is our responsibility to help those who walk through our doors together with sector departments. I would like to encourage the community gathered here today to support NGOs in order to improve the quality of lives of all persons.

Attendees were also encouraged to fight against the scourge of women and child abuse on a daily basis.

