



# MEDIA ALERT

**23 NOVEMBER 2023**

## **MEC WILLIAMS TO LEAD A DISABILITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN**

The department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs in partnership with Buffalo City Metro Municipality (BCMM) and **Rehab** will host Big Walk “White Canes” Awareness Campaign to raise public awareness about the blind community and people living with disabilities. The Walk will take place on **28 November 2023 at 08h00 from the East London City Hall to the Orient Theatre.**

Annually between 03 November and 03 December, South Africans celebrate National Disability Rights Awareness (NDRA) Month. December 03 is the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) and is also celebrated as NDRAD.

MEC for Cogta Zolile Williams said disability is the consequence of an impairment that may be physical, cognitive, mental, sensory, emotional, developmental or some combination of these. “A disability may be present from birth or occur during a person's lifetime. The awareness campaign offers an opportunity for all of us to remove these barriers and improve the quality of life of people with disabilities through concrete action,” said MEC Williams.

Members of the media are invited to confirm their attendance to Mr. Vuyani Sibene at 079 514 8757 or email: [Vuyani.sibene@eccogta.gov.za](mailto:Vuyani.sibene@eccogta.gov.za)

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