

Advocacy and Resource Centre for Students with Disabilities (ARCSWiD)

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Program Director: Ms. Michelle Biederman

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Time	Topic	Presenters
10:00-10:10	Open and Welcome	Deputy Director Dr Shahieda Jansen
10:10-10:20	Message of Support	Regional Forum for Students with Disabilities Mr. Prince Sanele Mathe
10:20-10:50	Keynote Speaker 1 Understanding deafness, hearing loss, and Deaf culture from both cultural and medical perspectives.	Hi Hopes Dr. Mc Ilroy
10:50-11:20	Keynote Speaker 2 Assistive technology for deaf and hard of hearing community	Edit Microsystems Mr. Kyle Williams
11:20-11:50	Keynote Speaker 3 An inclusive introduction to sign language and Deaf culture, covering communication basics, social challenges, access issues, and breaking common misconceptions	National Institute for the Deaf Ms. Lynette Victor
11:50-12:00	Question & Answer Session	Ms. Michelle Biederman
12:00-12:10	Closing Remarks	Acting Deputy Director, ARCSWiD Mr. Bheki Nxumalo