

## **WORLD AIDS DAY**

The University of Nairobi will on December 1, 2015 join the rest of the world in commemorating World AIDS Day. The celebrations will be held at the Lower Kabete Campus along Lower Kabete Road and hosted by University Health Service. There will be speeches, entertainment, counseling and testing for HIV, screening for cervical and prostate cancer among other activities.

Buses will be available from all campuses to the venue.

All are welcome

## **ABOUT WORLD AIDS DAY**

### **What is World AIDS Day?**

World AIDS Day is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died. World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day, held for the first time in 1988.

### **Why is World AIDS Day important?**

Globally there are an estimated 34 million people who have the virus. Despite the virus only being identified in 1984, more than 35 million people have died of HIV or AIDS, making it one of the most destructive pandemics in history.

Today, scientific advances have been made in HIV treatment, there are laws to protect people living with HIV and we understand so much more about the condition. Despite this, each year in the UK around 6,000 people are diagnosed with HIV, people do not know the facts about how to protect themselves and others, and stigma and discrimination remain a reality for many people living with the condition.

World AIDS Day is important because it reminds the public and Government that HIV has not gone away – there is still a vital need to raise money, increase awareness, fight prejudice and improve education.

### **What should I do on World AIDS Day?**

World AIDS Day is an opportunity to show support to and solidarity with the millions of people living with HIV. Wearing a red ribbon is one simple way to do this. World AIDS Day is also a great opportunity to raise money and show your support for people living with HIV.