

Vuyiseka Dubula-Majola



Vuyiseka Dubula-Majola was born in the rural town of Idutywa in the Eastern Cape, South Africa, to a poor working class family. She fell in love with learning and managed to educate herself while working full-time. She currently holds a B.A. in health sciences and social services: Psychology from the University of South Africa, 2008. In 2011, she completed her MPhil in HIV management from the University of Stellenbosch. She also had an opportunity to spend 3 months doing social research methods as part of a Master course at the University of Sussex as a visiting scholar. In 2016 she completed a PhD at Stellenbosch focusing on HIV policy and Public health administration. She is now a post-doctoral fellow at University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Vuyiseka joined the HIV movement when she was 22 after testing HIV positive in 2001. She began her activist life as a volunteer of the Treatment Action Campaign and was instrumental in building TAC branches in the Klipfontein district in Cape Town. She and her family have history of being dwellers in informal settlements in the Cape Flats. She became an employee tasked to build TAC's Prevention and Treatment literacy programme, which she led for six years as a programme coordinator for the province. Over the years she rose as a strong leader to finally be elected as the General Secretary in 2008. In 2012 she was re-elected. In 2015 she became the director of the Africa Centre for HIV and AIDS at Stellenbosch University.

Vuyiseka is a woman openly living with HIV for 13 years and has been on ARV treatment for 11 years. She is committed to ensuring that People Living with HIV has a positive voice in the struggle against HIV, and that woman and girls have access to health services and live equally in society free of gender and sexual violence.

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