

The Social Markers of TB Project chaired by Dr. Helen Macdonald, University of Cape Town Anthropology Section, and the Wellcome Trust International Engagement Awards

INVITE YOU TO ATTEND AN INFORMATION SESSION

Swallowing the World

A Multidisciplinary Curatorial Project on Tuberculosis in South Africa

Swallowing the World is a conversation between artists, scientists, and academics with the intention to narrate and distill the intricate social, political and ethical issues related to tuberculosis (TB) to a general audience. The project aims to investigate and present the subjective experiences of TB patients and their families, medical science and its practitioners, the country's history and political economy etc. This project intends to explore questions and challenge assumptions around TB from the standpoint of art and creativity. By interrupting public space, the project will create a series of multi-sensory, visceral, interactive, and inclusive exhibitions, performances, and public programs in the Western Cape designed to generate experience and interpretation of living with and/or among tuberculosis. These forms of storytelling will work towards understanding how contemporary artistic creativity can be a tool for social development and vehicle for change. Given that poverty, inequality and poor access to nutritional support is likely to increase tuberculosis mortality into the 21st century it is essential that we reflect on the notions of thinking deeply, of celebrating and consequently participating in critical and creative endeavours of solution and redress. In order to push knowledge and experiences of TB to new understandings the project coordinators will bring their existing research findings to consult with and sketch collaborations between TB patients, their family, friends; visual artists, musicians, filmmakers, performers, engineers, medics, and neighbourhood organizations.

Dr. Helen Macdonald and project coordinators invite prospective contributors from all realms of the creative industry. This session will provide potential applicants with information about project themes and serve to answer any questions *before* the launch of the open call for proposals. This is your opportunity to ask any questions you may have regarding the project and your potential submission. There will be an introduction from the project coordinators and a brief description of each theme. Following these proceedings, there will be a Q & A session. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

The agenda for the information session as follows:

13:00-13:30- Welcome and Project introduction, Dr. Helen Macdonald

13:30-14:30- Overview of themes with Individual Project Coordinators;
Jackie Murray, Dr. Kate Abney & Ms. Laura Winteron

14:30-15:00- Refreshments

15:00 – 16:00 -Q & A session

The session will be at CAS Gallery promptly starting at 13:00, Saturday 9th April 2016.
Harry Oppenheimer Institute Building Level 3, Engineering Mall Road, University of Cape Town Upper Campus Rondebosch, Cape Town.

Do you have questions? swallowingtheworld@gmail.com or find us on Facebook!



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