

CREATIVE INTERMEDIARIES FORUM

Cape Town
4th June 2019

We would like to invite you to submit an interest in taking part in a research event organised by the AHRC (Arts & Humanities Research Council) UK international network “**UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING CREATIVE ECONOMIES IN AFRICA: EDUCATION, NETWORKS & POLICY**” led by Dr Roberta Comunian, King's College London and Dr Brian J. Hrac, University of Southampton with the support of SACO (The South African Cultural Observatory). More information about the network can be found here:

<https://www.creative-economy-africa.org.uk>

The title of the event is “**Supporting the creative industries in South Africa: creative intermediaries forum Cape Town**” and it aims to bring together creative intermediaries in Cape Town (please read this document if you want a definition of creative intermediaries provided by the research team). The event will take place on the 4th of June 2019 (10am-4pm) in a venue in the area of District 6.

The researchers would like to involve as many creative intermediaries as possible, to have a broad representation of organisations, public bodies, higher education institutions as well as private and not for profit providers. They aim for this workshop to be open and inclusive, however, we only have a limited number of places to enable discussion and knowledge sharing. If you are interested in participating in the workshop, please complete the online form via this

<https://www.creative-economy-africa.org.uk/creative-intermediaries-forum-sa.html>

Please complete the form by the 17th of May 2019

You will be contacted via email with a confirmation that you have been accepted to the workshop. You will receive an email confirmation of acceptance by the 24th of March 2019.

Please feel free to share this invitation with other creative intermediaries in Cape Town and beyond.

Best wishes

The organisers:

Dr Roberta Comunian (Department of Culture, Media and Creative Industries, King's College London), Dr Brian Hrac (Department of Geography, University of Southampton) and The South African Cultural Observatory (Prof. Jen Snowball and Ms. Unathi Lutshaba)

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Aims

This one-day workshop is aiming to bring together a range of stakeholders and intermediaries all working towards supporting the development of creative and cultural industries (CCIs) in Cape Town and South Africa. Creative intermediaries include profit and no-for-profit organisations facilitating a range of opportunities for creative individuals and companies such as: training and skills, space and business planning, access to finance and financial advice, access to markets, internationalisation and other opportunities.

Long-term objectives

As part of the forum we hope to support creative intermediaries and facilitate communication and initiative across organisations, creating a local (and potentially national) network that facilitate information sharing for the benefit of creative and cultural industries and individuals. We hope to be able to facilitate this further via the creation of an app / web platform, after feedback from the participants

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