



INVITATION

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

"Xenophobia" in Pietermaritzburg - Engaging affected Communities

Thursday, 2 March 2017

Over the past years we have seen sporadic outbreaks, of what has been termed, xenophobic violence in our country, in our province and at times in our city and its surrounding communities.

During the past year the Centre for Adult Education (UKZN), Sinomlando Centre for Oral History and Memory Work and the Pietermaritzburg Agency for Community Social Action (PACSA) have engaged in a research project with a number of Pietermaritzburg-based community groups, consisting of local South Africans and foreign nationals, on the causes, manifestations, early-warning signals and possible solutions to xenophobic violence in their communities.

This participatory research process has surfaced a number of critical issues, including, socio-economic, cultural, gender, sexuality and historical factors, as well as impediments to service delivery by local government agencies around a range of issues. The main findings and recommendations of this research engagement will be presented at the round-table.

The objectives of the round-table are to contribute to a deeper understanding of the complexity of the phenomenon of xenophobia; create channels of communications between foreign nationals, South African nationals, local government agencies and NGO's; find appropriate ways of responding to concerns, frustrations, angers and fears of the people concerned, whether victims or perpetrators; and contribute to more efficient responses to early signals of "xenophobia" in the future.



Round-Table: "Xenophobia" in Pietermaritzburg - Engaging with Affected Communities

Date: Thursday, 2 March 2017

Venue: Pietermaritzburg City Hall, Chief Albert Luthuli St, Pietermaritzburg, 3200

Time: 10.00am to 13.00pm (followed with a lunch)

RSVP: Please RSVP by 24th February 2017 to Sonia at sonian@pacsa.org.za or 033-3420052

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