



URBAN LAND JUSTICE GATHERING

21 – 23 SEPTEMBER 2023

DISTRICT 6 HOMECOMING CENTRE

15A BUITENKANT STREET, CAPE TOWN



Free!
Limited space!
RSVP ASAP!

JOIN THE GATHERING

...for 3 days of conversation, art, performance, screenings, presentations and more. During the gathering we will together face the dire crisis of urban land injustice, launch an online interactive People's Land Map, engage the major political parties on land and housing issues and learn about the recently launched national campaign to get the President to donate public land directly into the hands of organised communities. Looking towards more just cities, we will draw inspiration from a range of people providing practical solutions - from using women's saving schemes to build homes to the role of storytelling in activism. Engage activists, movements, lawyers, residents, politicians and artists.

DAY 1: THURSDAY 21 SEPT

18:00 - 20:00 | EXHIBITION OPENING EXPERIENCE

The launch of the Urban Land Justice Gathering Exhibitions at the District 6 Homecoming Centre:

- Histories of land dispossession, resistance and reclaiming from the **District 6 Museum**, **Constantia Heritage Education Project** and **Haroon Gunn-Salie's *Zonnebloem renamed***.
- Experience Virtual Reality documentaries about living in Reclaim the City occupations - ***No Place But Here* by Dylan Valley and Annie Nisenson** and ***Excluded* by Zacharia Mashele**.
- **The last 5 years of Reclaim the City and Ndifuna Ukwazi** photography exhibition by **Zacharia Mashele**.
- **Cissie Gool House Co-design** exhibition reflecting on the resident-led participatory design process to imagine an inclusive future for the occupation.
- Proposals of **how well-located public land could be used for mixed-income homes** to build a more just city.
- **Sitaara Stodel** reclaims the idea of 'home' through collages in response to themes of eviction and displacement.
- Collages and poetry by **Mmakhotso Lamola** responding to spatial injustice in Cape Town with a focus on gender based violence.
- Interactive games and more...

Opening welcome:

Chrischene Julius, Acting Director and Head of Collections, Research, and Documentation at District Six Museum
Mpho Raboane, Acting Director and Attorney at Ndifuna Ukwazi

Join us for art, performance, documentaries, snacks, reading corner, conversation, games, free resources and activities.

DAY 2: FRIDAY 22 SEPT

09:30 - 11:00 | THE STATE OF URBAN LAND INJUSTICE - A PANEL DISCUSSION CENTERING THE HOME

What is 'home' like for the urban poor and working class? This discussion will focus on the current state of urban land justice in South Africa - slow and poorly located housing delivery, state capture, cost of living crisis, household indebtedness, compounding trauma, discrimination, unemployment, the targeting of activists, evictions and displacement, the failure of urban land reform, the erosion of legal protections of tenants and occupiers. In this discussion we expose the full weight of these compounding crises as a starting point to move towards solutions.

Facilitated by: Mpho Raboane, Acting Director and Attorney at Ndifuna Ukwazi

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Dr Farai Mtero, Senior Researcher at Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)

Mandy Sanger, Head of Education District Six Museum

Megan Indiphile Bobotyana, a Leader of Reclaim the City

Dr Phillip Mthobeli Guma, Langa

11:30 - 12:30 | THE WAKE - A PEOPLE'S LAND MAP PERFORMANCE

Join us to collectively mourn the loss of public land, and to think about the promise of a better tomorrow. A site responsive performance.

In collaboration with Dr Carla Lever, the Land and Housing Youth Group and Ndifuna Ukwazi Staff

13:30 - 15:00 | THE PEOPLE'S LAND MAP - LAUNCH

How much underutilised public land do we have? What is the role of counter-mapping in the fight for a more just city? Should Information on Public Land be made public? The launch of an online interactive map developed in collaboration with [OpenUp](#).

Facilitated by: Dr Farai Mtero, Senior Researcher at Institute for Poverty, Land and Agrarian Studies (PLAAS)

Nick Budlender, Researcher at Ndifuna Ukwazi

Nikelwa Maqula, Land and Housing Activist

Severin Halder, [This is Not An Atlas](#) (video)

15:00 - 16:30 | INCLUSIONARY HOUSING - A DISCUSSION

How can the Private Sector play a role in creating well-located affordable housing - a discussion on the rise of inclusionary housing policies in South African cities and the delays in getting this in place in Cape Town.

Facilitated by Mercy Brown-Luthango, Senior Researcher at African Centre for Cities

Catherine Stone, Spatial Planning Director at Western Cape Provincial Government

Charles Arton, Redwood Property Ventures

Claudia Hitzeroth, Project Coordinator at Development Action Group

Deon van Zyl, Chairperson at Western Cape Property Developers Forum

Dr Jonty Cogger, Attorney at Ndifuna Ukwazi

DISTRICT 6 - A WALK

A Walking Tour led by the District 6 Museum on the connection between history and present day reality of forced removals in District 6, including stories of resistance.

Led by ex-resident storytellers and District 6 Museum staff

17:00 - 19:00 | POLITICAL PARTIES SPEAK ON LAND & HOUSING - A PUBLIC DEBATE

Our major political parties debate their positions and policies on land and housing ahead of the 2024 elections.

Facilitated by Refliwe Moloto

ANCYL: Mntuwoxolo Ngudle, Secretary General, MMC Water and Sanitation at OR Tambo District Municipality

DA: Carl Pophaim, Human Settlements MayCo Member at City of Cape Town

EFF: Kagiso Themba, Provincial Command Team

GOOD: Brett Heron, Secretary General

RISE Mzansi: Axolile Notywala, Western Cape Convener

Zackie 2024: Zackie Achmat, Independent Candidate



DAY 3: SATURDAY 23 SEPT

10:00 - 12:00 | LAND IN PEOPLE'S HANDS: NATIONAL CAMPAIGN - A DISCUSSION

What does security of tenure mean in urban and rural settings? An update and discussion on the progress of the requests by social movements across the country to the President for donations of public land directly to organised communities via the State Land Disposal Act. The campaign was [launched in August 2023](#).

Facilitated by: Luyanda Mtamzeli, Political Organiser at Ndifuna Ukwazi
Noziphiwo Sigwela, Researcher at Ndifuna Ukwazi
Ricardo Bhetsha, Fieldworker at Support Centre for Land Change
Wiseman Mpepo, a Leader of Intlungu YaseMatyotyombeni

13:00 - 16:00 | HOW TO ADVANCE URBAN LAND JUSTICE - SHORT SHARP SOLUTION SESSIONS

These sessions provide bite-sized presentations of successful examples of Advancing Urban Land Justice with space for your questions. Get inspired by a selection of vastly different solutions to sticky problems. Activists, practitioners and drivers of solutions share first hand experiences. Leave these sessions hopeful that something better is possible.

13:15 - 14:00

All of society role in urban land justice

How do we overcome social resistance to spatial transformation? From the role of storytelling and public education on our history, to the role of faith based organisations, residents, professionals and more.

Facilitated by Caroline Powell, the Warehouse Trust
Bevil Lucas, trade unionist and a leader of Reclaim the City
Isa Jacobson, YIMBY Seaboard and Gugulethu-Seaboard Community Action Network
Dr Suraya Scheba, City Occupied Collective

14:15 - 15:00

Finding money for affordable housing

From women's saving schemes to private developers, hear practical experiences from our context of how people have raised money to build affordable homes.

Facilitated by Mercy Brown-Luthango, Senior Researcher at African Centre for Cities
Adielah van Schalkwyk, a Leader of Freedom Park People's Housing Project, Mitchells Plain
Anika Hanekom, architect at BitProp
Malcolm McCarthy, housing expert

15:15 - 16:00

Homes that work for people

What else is possible when the current housing options don't work for people? Inspiration for how we could improve the state's housing options alongside inspiration from solutions that do not wait for the state, including alternative building technology, community organising, participatory planning and collective housing options.

Facilitated by Karen Hendricks, a Leader of Reclaim the City
Adielah van Schalkwyk, a Leader of Freedom Park People's Housing Project, Mitchells Plain
Barry Lewis, Director at UBU
Caño Martín Peña Community Land Trust video

Making legal victories real

From education to land and beyond, there have been major legal wins in South Africa in the last decade. Hear from lawyers and activists on the role of organising in making sure that these are not empty victories in court, and actually make a difference in people's daily lives.

Facilitated by Nomfundo Ramalekana, Senior Lecturer in Public Law Department at UCT Law Faculty
Equal Education
Inner City Federation
Reclaim the City

Protecting the social value of land & housing

How do we stop the commodification of land and housing? Reflections on organising to fight big capital, from Brazil to Cape Town.

Facilitated by Kenneth Matlawe, a Leader of Housing Assembly and Political Organiser at Ndifuna Ukwazi
Karen Hendricks, a Leader of Reclaim the City
Kezia Fortuin, Researcher at City Occupied Collective
Nazeer Sunday, Chairperson at Philippi Horticultural Area (PHA) Food and Farming Campaign

Organising for service delivery

How do we move forward from a situation where people are living in South African cities without basic services? Legal, organising, negotiating and monitoring tools to get people the services they need.

Facilitated by Lauren Royston, Director of Research and Advocacy at Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa (SERI)
Alex Densmore, co-founder Zonke Energy
Ludwe Qosho, Asivikelane
Phakiso Mokoena, a Leader of Reclaim the City

16:00 - 16:30 | THE CLOSING

