

ISISELE SENYATHI

WOMEN'S HUB ON AFRICAN WOMEN'S HISTORY



ISISELE SENYATHI is the nation's first public exhibition and educational Hub dedicated to African Women's history.



OUR VISION

Our vision is to maximize the power of women's personal, community stories and shared history to enrich and transform lives. We will do this by exploring their history, and by promoting and amplifying the voices of those who may not always been heard.



OUR MISSION

Our mission is to tell untold and unheard stories of ordinary South African women who transformed our nation; and help in healing the legacy wounds of our history. *We do this by:*

- Collecting South African women's stories, restoring and documenting history, and passing on memories.
- Educating, inspiring, empowering and disseminating knowledge to shape the future.
- Creating an opportunity for women to write their stories, knowledge and experiences and document the same through publishing articles, case studies and books.

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OUR PURPOSE AND OVERARCHING GOALS

The Isisele Senyathi Women's Hub promotes women's history by keeping women's voices alive, sharing untold stories and restoring African indigenous knowledge. The Hub connects local stories to the broader history of women worldwide, while promoting cultural understanding, storytelling and an empowered citizenry that contributes to a stronger democracy. Through the Hub, we champion history by building institutional capacity to collect, preserve, share and exhibit women's stories, knowledge and contributions.

The Hub seeks to:

- Honour the lives and legacies of all women, living and dead.
- Ensure South African women's history is championed and lead the drive to catapult women into history.
- Bring to life the countless untold and unheard stories of African women throughout history, and serve as a space for all to inspire, experience, collaborate, and amplify women's impact - past, present, and future; and to honour the lives and legacies of all African women, living and dead.
- Assist women, especially young women to reflect on their identity and their destiny.
- Showcase women's indigenous knowledge system as part of women's history and philosophy.
- Advance the understanding of South African women's past accomplishments and contributions as a means of enlarging the historical record.



OUR OBJECTIVES

- Bring together academic scholars, community activists, public historians, and the public for dialogue on social issues connecting South African women's past accomplishments to present and future concerns.
- Advance the understanding of South African women's past accomplishments and contributions as a means of enlarging the historical record.
- To recognize the place of grassroots women in history and knowledge systems, and particularly their role in the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals for South African's benefit.
- Celebrate women's histories, particularly our unsung heroines.



OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND SERVICES

- Providing space for schools and universities to do their outreach, research and community work on matters pertaining to women's history and knowledge.
- Memorial Lectures and Seminar Series with the aim of enriching the cultural landscape of communities, African women and creating new opportunities for historical discovery.
- Capturing women's memories and recoding oral histories of women factory workers.
- Showcasing women's indigenous knowledge system as a part of women's history and philosophy.
- Photographs and historical documents in the collections will help tell the stories of women civic leaders, activists, photojournalists, and entrepreneurs.
- Allow for exchanges of experiences, successes and lessons learnt; mentorship; as well as networking capabilities with universities on whose subjects the material produced focuses on.
- Support activities which enable the written documentation of women's cultural heritage and perspectives in forms including storytelling.