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PEN International Launches Make Space Campaign for Displaced Writers

PEN International recently launched its **Make Space campaign** for displaced writers with the support of 300 writers who signed their name to the mission statement, which is excerpted below:

"Some of us have been displaced; some of us are refugees and asylum seekers; some of us have lived in exile, or have been forced to go into hiding in our own

countries. But we are all writers and use words in ways that can shift and inform the society around us. And – whoever we are, wherever we are - when we consciously make space for the stories of displaced communities within our own, we make space for a shared cultural understanding that enriches us and connects us, disrupting the systems of division that alienate and dehumanise. It is time to act, and to act together.

Therefore, we commit to PEN International's Make Space campaign. Together we must shape a context for free expression in which all voices and stories have worth. Together we must challenge xenophobia and racism. Together we will shape a world with space for everyone and - as writers - it is with words and stories that we start."

Visit the **Make Space website** to read more about it and add your support to the campaign.

(Image courtesy of PEN International)



**Second Issue of The
Johannesburg Review of
Books**



**International Authors
Announced for Open Book
Festival 2017**

The second issue of *The Johannesburg Review of Books* is out, featuring writing by PEN SA members Efemia Chela, Kopano Matlwa, Lidudumalingani, Niq Mhlongo and Elinor Sisulu...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of [The Johannesburg Review of Books](#))

PEN SA PULSE

The Kenyan media is under pressure ahead of the 2017 elections and there have been incidents of the internet and websites being shut down in Ethiopia and Egypt respectively...[read more](#)

Egyptian journalist Lina Attalah has written about the violation of the freedom of the press in her country, a Kenyan governor's bodyguards beat up a journalist for airing 'bad' stories and a writer in Nigeria was kidnapped, allegedly for speaking out against homophobia...[read more](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

PEN SA is excited to announce that we will be bringing Man Booker Prize-winning American author Paul Beatty to this year's Open Book Festival. Open Book has announced the list of international authors that will be attending as well as launching a Thundafund campaign to help fund this year's festival...[read more](#)

(Image courtesy of [Open Book](#))

CALLS FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Department of Arts and Culture is calling for the nomination of candidates to serve on the councils of several cultural institutions, including the National English Literary Museum...[read more](#) (PDF download)

The *TSSF Journal* is calling for submissions for its debut edition...[read more](#)

2017/8 Gerald Kraak Award and Anthology...[read more](#)

Speculative fiction magazine *FIYAH* calling for submissions...[read more](#)

Take a look at the literary events [coming up in June](#) and [July](#). PEN SA Board Member Nadia Davids' play *What Remains* will be showing at Hiddingh Hall in Gardens, Cape Town from Thursday 6 July to Wednesday 12 July 2017.

NEW MEMBERS' TITLES



The recently published [Pride and Prejudice – The Gerald Kraak Anthology](#) features Sindiswa Busuku-Mathese's poem "Midnight in Lusikisiki" and a new edition of Achmat Dangor's [Bitter Fruit](#) is being published this month. IsiXhosa novel [Imbokodo](#) and its English translation [The Rock: Quest for Vengeance](#) are older titles

Enkare Review calling for submissions for its second issue...[read more](#)

The Babishai Haiku Contest...[read more](#)

PEN America's PEN Literary Awards...[read more](#)

ITCH is calling for submissions for its 21st issue, themed Flux...[read more](#)

CONGRATULATIONS!

PEN SA Board Member Yewande Omotoso and members Mohale Mashigo and Sindiswa Busuku-Mathese have been shortlisted for the 2016 University of Johannesburg Prize for South African Writing in English...[read more](#)

Ameera Patel won Best Supporting Actress at the 13th annual Naledi Theatre Awards and Daniel Richards won Best Newcomer Award for his performance in former Board Member Mike van Graan's *Pay Back the Curry*...[read more](#)

from newly joined member Samkelo Mtwana...[read more](#)

AWARDS NEWS

Winner of the Bailey's Women's Prize for Fiction announced...[read more](#)

Longlists for the Writivism Short Story and Koffi Addo Nonfiction Prizes...[read more](#)

CENTRE NEWS

Carole Bloch has resigned from the board. PEN SA is very grateful for her hard work and the time she spent working on PEN SA projects.

The PEN SA electronic AGM was sent out on 31 May 2017. Please read through the documents and respond before 30 June 2017.

Tiah Beautement is managing editor of The Single Story Foundation's first annual online journal (see the call for submissions above)...[read more](#)

Zakes Mda's novel [Little Suns](#) will be published by Jacaranda Books in the UK next year...[read more](#)

Zukiswa Wanner has co-founded the collective blog *La Shamba*, which aims "to rejoin writers and readers from both sides of the Atlantic in a South-South conversation"...[read more](#)

The 2017 Exclusive Books Homebru selection includes books by Tammy Baikie, Fred Khumalo, Mohale Mashigo, Refiloe Moahloli and a collection, which features stories by PEN SA Board Members Mandla Langa and Nadia Davids and Mary Watson, Achmat Dangor and Kobus Moolman...[read more](#)

WELCOME!

Welcome to new PEN SA Supporter member Audrey Mphela.

Send us your news

Had a book published recently? Attended or participated in a festival? Won an award? Achieved a personal milestone of note? We welcome any news of your activities for future issues of the PEN SA newsletter. Please let us know if your email changes so we can update our mailing list.

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