

# IDAHOBIT 2021

## Webinar on

# Art, Solidarity & Community

### from hurt to healing

## Thursday 20 May 2021



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## INVITATION

You are cordially invited to a webinar hosted by the General Representation of the Government of Flanders/Embassy of Belgium in South Africa in collaboration with the SOGIESC Unit of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria and the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender, University of Pretoria.

We are “together, resisting, supporting and healing” says the IDAHOBIT 2021 committee. In this spirit, the webinar will explore the theme of healing after harm aimed at LGBTQIA+ people and their allies. What has helped people to recover when they have been subjected to, witnessed, or are affected by a hate crime or an act of violence? Is there a role for the arts and creative expression to process these hurts and to find a positive and transformative outlet? How can community support restore hope, humanity, and dignity? What are the bonds of solidarity that rebuild trust and inspire activism? Healing from hurt is a journey and by no means is a straightforward process, but the cycle of pain must be interrupted. We hope this webinar will continue that conversation.

To begin the conversation, we’d like to invite speakers and participants to share a form of artwork- which can be an excerpt from a book, a poem, a painting, or any other visual or literary artwork- that deeply resonates with them and reflect on the meaning of this artwork. We hope to create a space for reflections on hate crime, violence, and solidarity during times of difficulty for LGBTQIA+ communities in Africa, and beyond.

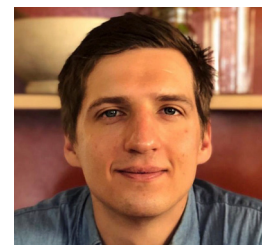
**Time:** 1800 - 1930 SAST

**RSVP:** Please [click here](#) to register

### Facilitators:

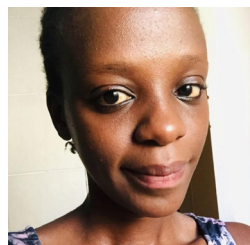


**Rivonia Pillay**  
*Water Engineer and  
advocate for LGBTQIA+ rights*



**James de Villiers**  
*Profile writer and  
counsellor*

### Participants:



**Sivuyisiwe Mafeke**  
*South African queer activist*



**Anzio Jacobs**  
*Director, Scope  
Facilitation*



**David Nnanna Ikpo**  
*Nigerian lawyer and storyteller*



**Inke Gieghase**  
*spoken word artist, journalist, public  
speaker, writer and activist from  
Flanders, Belgium*

To make this a safe discussion, we ask that you register for the webinar in advance and are mindful of our community standards around sensitive topics. These include respect, sensitivity and thoughtfulness towards the panelists, the facilitators and anyone else who participates.