

# ARAC UPDATES

AN OCCASIONAL ROUND-UP OF NEWS, APPEALS AND OPPORTUNITIES

## ARAC IN 2024

- Javett residency closed. JWG to lead the report writing on it.
- [ARAC Presentation](#) during the Jane Lombard Prize-giving in October 2023.
- Successfully coordinated, facilitated and authored the UNESCO Co-creation toolkit on [South African Liberation Movements Heritage](#) for cultural practitioners in SADC. We are currently in the design phase led by Javett.
- Unchronological Time Line to be exhibited at the William Humphrey Art Gallery in Kimberly RSA for **6 weeks beginning in July.**
- David and Puleng answered the call and volunteered to co-design and co-facilitate the “*how late is it*” workshop and toolkit with Lineo (and possibly Christian) at the Van Abbe Museum in October/November.

## NEW MEMBERS 24

We welcome [Makonga and Feza](#) as collaborators of both WAZA and Christian but are here to represent Christian and Ecole du soir etc

We welcome:

**Tracy - JWG**

**Praise - LWG**

**Bankole - LWG**

**Doreen - KWG**

## Asia Art Archive (AAA) collaboration

ONGOING Library project with LWG set to kick off in June. Read up more on this [here](#)



## Steering committee meeting

### New Website

- A new AR website is under development, we are migrating from Colivre to Wordpress. Archives will be backed up on the cloud and Clusters will have editing access to control what is internal and what is public. Clusters will also have creative control over how information is organised and represented on the site.
- The content will need to be revised and corrected in some parts therefore the **€2000 from Mercator** will be used to pay honoraria to volunteers (for content and translations) instead of paying for the development of an independent ARAC site. (Praise has already come forward and offered a hand regarding the new website).
- Website scheduled to be completed by June/July.
- A proposal was made to revise our organisational structure from WGs by city to organisation by persons and clusters given changes that have taken place over time..
- Rethinking learning units; both pre-existing and creation of new ones

## Next steps

### Volunteers needed!

- To develop the ARAC terms of reference and conditions for welcoming new membership.
- To take on administrative duties to support and/or take over from Andrea and Lineo.
- Organise ARAC content (for website, workshops, learning units and publications).
- Collaborate with each other to conceptualise and fundraise for smaller projects to execute in our various locales.
- Write blogposts for the new website
- Share new/recent materials that can be uploaded to the site

Please reference the ARAC goals and Core values text [here](#). for further reference

### Why ARAC?

To build a shared knowledge base and a structure of mutual learning that will benefit African practitioners and contribute to advances in thinking and practice worldwide.

