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Greater Hobart community invited to connect at *THINKtent* this weekend at MONA

After successful sessions in Burnie and Launceston, *THINKtent* is coming to MONA and the community is invited to sit and have a chat.

The Inglis Clark Centre for Civil Society at UTAS has teamed up with international multi-disciplinary design practice Liminal Spaces and Ten Days on the Island to stage *THINKtent*.

A range of thinkers, artists, entrepreneurs and community leaders will be in *THINKtent* in the MONA Library across this weekend (**Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March**), ready to converse with visitors.

Director of the Inglis Clark Centre, Associate Professor Natasha Cica, said *THINKtent* was open to everyone.

“The tent is a beautiful space designed to encourage thinking, talking and listening, away from the distractions of social media, smart phones and email,” she said.

“*THINKtent* doesn’t ask participants to come to a university campus or other established venue for public discussion. It takes conversation to the people.”

THINKtent contains specially commissioned furniture and décor by Tasmanian designers and makers – including UTAS staff members Simon Ancher and Rachael Rose.

The tent accommodates up to five people at a time in programmed conversations lasting about 45 minutes each. It’s up to visitors how to arrange their seating and time.

FREE event. Bookings essential, phone (03) 6233 5300.

Saturday 23 March, MONA:

10:30am - 11:15am

with Tony Thorne, Animator and Artist: *The Last Days of the Mill*

11:30am - 12:15pm

with Danielle Wood, Author: *Tasmania's New Story?*

12:30pm - 1:15pm

with Damon Thomas, Lord Mayor of Hobart, and Pippa Dickson, Project Manager and Designer: *Local Meets Global at GASP!*

1:30pm - 2:15pm

with Kristyn Harman, Historian and Educator: Aboriginal Convicts

2:30pm - 3:15pm

with John Armstrong, Author and Philosopher: *Idealistic or Realistic?*

3:30pm - 4:15pm

with Esa Laaksonen, Director, Alvar Aalto Academy, Finland: *Democratic Design*

Sunday 24 March, MONA:

10:30am - 11:15am

with Sir Guy Green, Chair of TMAG and Ten Days on the Island, Honorary Antarctic Ambassador for Tasmania: *Tasmania's Antarctic Connections*

11:30am - 12:15pm

with Matthew Lamb, Co-Editor, Island Magazine: *Australian Literary Culture*

12:30pm - 1:15pm

with Mark Kelleher, Secretary, Department of Economic Development, Tourism and the Arts: *Tasmania's Economic Options*

1:30pm - 2:15pm

with Diane Caney, Poet: *Power, Play + Patrick White?*

2:30pm - 3:15pm

with Heather Rose, Author, Entrepreneur and Creative Thinker: *Life As Fun*

3:30pm - 4:15pm

with Graham Gourlay, Culture Change Consultant: *Unmagical Tasmanian Moments*

For more information on **THINKTent**, visit

<http://tendaysontheisland.com/2013-program/thinktent>

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