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.

“THINKtent 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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