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Dear Comrade

1917 Centenary: Revolutionary Festival: Celebrate, Reflect, Inspire

We invite you to support the above festival, which takes place in Newtown, Johannesburg on 10-12 November.

There will be more than 25 teach-ins, two rallies, two book launches, a film festival, two cultural events (with top bands, DJs and poets), an exhibition and stalls. For further details go to <http://1917centenary.co.za>. The festival will provide an opportunity for workers, community activists and students to engage with each other in debates and discussions about the past, present and future. It is non-partisan, as reflected in membership of the Organising Committee (below) and speakers (see web site).

We are still raising funds for the event. Our main concern is to ensure that people from impoverished communities are not excluded because they lack money for transport. You can also make a donation to: 1917 Centenary Organizing Committee (62726897541), FNB Melville (256505).

You can assist in other ways:

1. Purchase one or more solidarity tickets. These are priced at R1000 and can be obtained through Webtickets using a credit card or EFT. Link available on website. Also available at PnP.
2. Buy a ticket/tickets. R200 for the full event (R100 for students), R100 for Friday 10 November (R50 for students), R150 for Saturday 11 November

(R80 for students), R50 for Sunday 12 November (R20 for students).

Available from Webtickets and PnP.

3. Send information to organisations in townships and settlements. Letter of invitation with details available on web site.
4. Inform your networks. Please publicise <http://1917centenary.co.za>
5. Request marketing and social media package from Jonathan Hilligan: 071 053-4013 and jonathan.hilligan@gmail.com
6. Display posters, available from Cleopatra Shezi (see below).
7. Have a stall at the event, on Newtown Green. No charge, but bring your own table and gazebo. Email Rehad Desai for listing, rehad@icon.co.za

For any further information contact Cleopatra Shezi on 0727394122 or email to cleopatra.shezi@gmail.com.

Regards and comradeship,
Cleopatra Shezi, organiser
Peter Alexander, convener.

1917 Centenary Organising Committee: Prof. Peter Alexander (University of Johannesburg), Mercia Andrews (labour and land rights activists), Stephen Faulkner (trade union educator and organiser), Ronnie Kasril (MK veteran and former minister), Anita Khanna (political activist and filmmaker), Terri Maggott (student), Itumeleng Moabi (student), Dr Trevor Ngwane (political activist and University of Johannesburg), Prof. Noor Nieftagodien (University of the Witwatersrand), Mosa Phadi (University of the Witwatersrand), Puso Saul (student), Cleopatra Shezi (community activist), and Prof. Salim Vally (University of Johannesburg).