

World TB Day Art Exhibition

Every year World TB Day is commemorated on 24th March to raise public awareness about the devastating health, social and economic consequences of tuberculosis (TB) and to step up efforts to end the global TB epidemic. The date marks the day in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced that he had discovered the bacterium that causes TB, which opened the way towards diagnosing and curing this disease.

As part of the efforts to raise public awareness on TB, The Wellcome Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa (CIDRI-Africa) will be hosting an Art Exhibition at the Institute of Infectious Disease & Molecular Medicine (IDM), situated in the Wolfson Pavilion Building, Faculty of Health Sciences. The exhibition will display images from a project called 'Patient Journeys in Tuberculous Meningitis Research', co-led by Angharad Davis (Wellcome Clinical PhD Fellow and research engagement champion) and Mpumi Maxebengula (Study coordinator) at CIDRI-Africa and was funded by a Wellcome Public Enrichment project to CIDRI Africa (PI Robert J Wilkinson).

The project, 'Patient Journeys in Tuberculous Meningitis Research', stems from the need to develop 'tools' to better communicate with patients involved in TB research, which would help patients understand why it is important to research this disease and what taking part in TB research may involve.

Angharad and Mpumi worked with illustrators and graphic designers to bring these journeys to life in the form of a series of artwork. The artwork will be displayed during World TB week (22nd -25th March) to educate researchers and the wider public about the patient journey in Tuberculous Meningitis research.

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Date: 22nd until 25th March

Venue: IDM - Wolfson Pavilion Building, Faculty of Health Sciences

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