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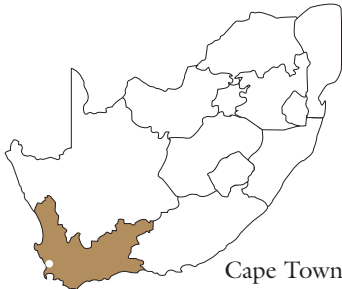
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# District Six Museum

The establishment of the District Six Museum Foundation almost 20 years ago was prompted by the fact that the memory of the area was in danger of being erased. Its primary purpose was to keep alive, together with the scattered ex-resident community, the memory of what District Six had been. Working critically with this memory, the Museum makes the point in all of its work, that the city had in District Six an existing archive of ideas and experiences of how social difference could be managed. In these terms, it offered the city an important history, one that had been lived, not only imagined, of how South Africans could manage the differences of their pasts, presents and futures.

The task of the Museum is to support the process of the return to what is, in effect, the single most important space in the city that remains for dealing with the divisions of the past. Given the dense occupation of much of the city and the reality that very little 'free' space is available, the earth of District Six is the only space left in which a new 'imagination' of Cape Town can be explored. The role of the Museum in this regard is to insert itself into the new District Six community, so that this community can demonstrate a different Cape Town.

## JUNE/ JULY EVENTS

### *Fields of Play*

In 2008 the District Six Museum opened an exhibition about the far-reaching impact of forced removals on football associations and clubs in Cape Town. The exhibition, entitled *Fields of Play: football memories and forced removals in Cape Town* portrays the history of football from the first moment the game was played on Green Point Common in 1862, and traces the rich history of the football associations that used the Common for their games. The making of the exhibition reunited a number of football administrators, players, referees and spectators of the game. Their memories and stories vividly bring to life the rich history of struggle, competition, discipline and achievement by the city's sporting communities.



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### *Offside*

*Offside: Kick Ignorance Out! Football Unites, Racism Divides* is a collaboration between the British Council, the District Six Museum, Football Unites, Racism Divides and Kick It Out. The exhibition highlights aspects of the footballing relationship between the United Kingdom and South Africa and how it has evolved over the last century, focussing particularly on experiences of racism in both countries. The exhibition encourages us to be vigilant against prejudice, highlighting the ways in which it remains a blemish on the beautiful game.