

## Hillbrow Unplugged 2017

Join MES for a night under that starts at the Hillbrow Unplugged.

**5 March 2017, Johannesburg, Hillbrow. The 11th annual Unplugged will be held in the heart of Johannesburg on 18 May 2017. The night aims to raise funds for MES programmes that help the destitute of various cities around South Africa.**

MES is a registered NGO that's been 'changing the heart of the city' for the poor and destitute in inner city South Africa for over 30 years (est 1986). MES takes a holistic approach to helping people of all ages in the inner city which is designed to help an individual's intellectual, physical, emotional and spiritual needs and functions through development programmes and ministry. MES has 4 branches around the country, Johannesburg, Kempton Park and Port Elizabeth.

Hillbrow, initially a predominantly white middle-class neighbourhood during the apartheid years, was home to film theatres, night clubs and the ever-popular Chelsea hotel. The area soon became colour blind as people of different cultures and races moved into the city. Unfortunately, poor infrastructure and a lack of investment drove the middle class out of the area in the 1980's, leaving Hillbrow to become an urban slum. It became a home for immigrants of nearby townships and rural areas, as well as Africans who travelled to the city in hope of a more promising future.

The Hillbrow Unplugged gives guests the chance to wine and dine in the heart of Johannesburg while being entertained by world class acts. The night will be hosted by Connie De Villiers, and will feature performances by Timothy Moloji and Samatha Peo. Guests will meet at Trap Der Jeugd in Auckland Park, where they are welcomed with drinks and a short show. After which buses are waiting in the wings to take guests to Hillbrow for a breath-taking experience.

Asked about what should be expected on the night, Precious Mbele, MES Events Officer said, "The night will be very exciting, and we may have a few surprises for guests. We are hoping that all our tables get booked and that our guests have an enjoyable evening."

*Proceeds from the experience go directly to furthering the phenomenal work of MES in the heart of the city.*

For more information and to book a seat, contact Precious on [precious@mes.org.za](mailto:precious@mes.org.za)