

**ANNUAL ARCHIVES AWARENESS WEEK EVENTS:  
5-9 May 2025**

**Monday 5 May, 13:00-14:00: Online talk: Dr Valmont Layne, Slave heritage and the music of the Cape.**

Join the Western Cape Archives and Records Service and Dr Valmont Layne, The Centre for Humanities Research at UWC, for an **online talk entitled "Slave heritage and music of the Cape"** on Monday 5 May 2025, 13:00-14:00, during National Archives Awareness Week.

Dr Layne will look at how we might understand this heritage as part of global slavery, and how it has informed the music of luminaries, such as Abdullah Ibrahim, Robbie Jansen and others.

To receive the link, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/sNYqYEgjZWvEEtMc9>

**Tuesday 6 May, 13:00-14:00: Online talk: Dr Eleanor Damon, Nine in Line**

Join the Western Cape Archives and Records Service and Dr Eleanor Damon for an **online talk entitled "Nine in Line: Tracing women across generations"** on Tuesday 6 May 2025, 13:00-14:00, during National Archives Awareness Week.

Dr Damon's maternal line weaves a testament to women empowering women across generations. In the late 1700s, Trijnje (Katryn Kaffer) ignited a legacy of unyielding strength, forging a powerful maternal line that would empower women for generations to come in the Cape Colony. Her daughter, Sara Cloete, inherited her mother's courage and determination, passing it down to Sara Maria Cloete, who then bestowed it upon Anna Jacomina Christina Basson. Anna's daughter, Martha Maria Cloete, embodied compassion and kindness, traits that would become hallmarks of this extraordinary lineage. Martha's daughter, Martha Maria Jacoba Smith, inherited artistic talent, further enriching the family's cultural heritage. The torch of strength was carried forward by Eleanor Denise Cyster, who passed it to her daughter, Genevieve Eunika Mari Damon. Genevieve, in turn, illuminated the path for her own daughter, Gia Ella Madge Bester, now, just 10 years old. These stories are a testament to the transformative power of women empowering women across generations, a shining tribute to the unbreakable bonds of maternal love and legacy.

Dr Damon is a renowned educator author, historian and storyteller from the Pniel Mission Station in the Western Cape with a teaching career spanning four decades.

To receive the link, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/S96HZFcwGbMeLsoq9>

**Wednesday 7 May, 13:00-14:00: Online talk: Ms Donnae Strydom: Let us all be the change: Embracing Electronic Records Management**

Join the Western Cape Archives and Records Service and the Deputy Director for Records and Knowledge Management, Department of the Premier, Ms Donnae Strydom for an **online talk**

**entitled "Let us all be the change: Electronic Records Management"** on Wednesday 7 May 2025, 13:00-14:00, during National Archives Awareness Week.

Ms Strydom has much experience in managing both paper and electronic records and in creating a unified approach to managing both to ensure accountability and good governance.

To receive the link, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/DDLocFri4AM3L2NB6>

**Thursday 8 May, 13:00-14:00: Online talk: Mr Niklas Zimmer: Beyond paper: Digital transformation in archives and records management**

Join the Western Cape Archives and Records Service and Mr Niklas Zimmer, Digital Scholarship and Data Curation Manager at FCTEC ([www.fctec.co.za](http://www.fctec.co.za)) for an **online talk entitled "Beyond Paper: How digital transformation is reshaping our approach to archives and records management"**, on Thursday 8 May 13:00-14:00, during National Archives Awareness Week.

Mr Zimmer has spearheaded transformative digital projects that integrate advanced technologies into archival workflows. His expertise lies in enhancing the accessibility and preservation of documentary heritage through intelligent document processing and innovative data management practices.

To receive the link, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/zzQLnYcpFeQq3Gw86>

**Friday 9 May: 10:00-12:30: In-person: Dr Gustav Hendrich: Family History Workshop for beginner, WC Archives, 10:00-12:30**

Join the Western Cape Archives and Records Service for an **in-person Family History Workshop for beginners** at being held at the WC Archives, 72 Roeland Street, Cape Town, during National Archives Awareness Week.

Dr Hendrich, Archivist at the WC Archives, shares his expertise in doing archival research to uncover family histories.

**Space is limited so be sure to book:** <https://forms.gle/KY9sYa8ZM4AF5EX48>