

Post-Traumatic Growth in Testimonies from Survivors and Perpetrators of the 1994 Rwanda Genocide (Rwandan Stories of Change)

Six-monthly Report to Advisory Board

January-June 2017

Project Team: Prof Nicki Hitchcott, Dr Hannah Grayson & Prof Stephen Joseph

1. Collaboration with Genocide Archive of Rwanda
 - Hannah visited in February 2017.
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 - Back translation of fourth batch of interviews completed
 - Data analysis underway
 - Hannah attended Kwibuka23 events: talk by James Kabarebe and literary café with Esther Mujawayo and Yann Gwet
2. Website
 - Website displays details of publications and latest events, including photos rwandan.wp.st-andrews.ac.uk
 - Conference page currently under construction
3. Social Media
 - Twitter feed @RwandanSOChange currently has 427 followers.
 - Project continues to connect with international scholars, artists, and twitter users about Rwanda, and recently been involved in 'Let's talk' conversations with Rwandan organisation, Ubumuntu Arts, raising further awareness of project.
4. Academic Dissemination
 - Nicki was invited to give a presentation on the project at the Global Challenges Research Fund and Heritage workshop, University of Liverpool, 5 April 2017.
 - Nicki has been invited to attend two further Global Challenges Events: AHRC International Development Summit (7 June 2017, British Library) and the GCRF Global Engagement (8 June 2017, British Academy)
 - Hannah and Nicki to present at African Literature Association conference at Yale University, 14-17 June 2017 on our panel 'Well-Being and Stories from Rwanda'
 - Project conference booked for 6th July 2018 and planning underway; keynotes (Esther Mujawayo and Malaika Uwamahoro) and 8 speakers confirmed
5. Scotland Network
 - Links established after Hannah attended Scottish government strategy information day in Edinburgh about partnerships with Rwanda
 - Interest in collaboration expressed by several potential partners; project now listed on NIDOS website <https://www.nidos.org.uk/zambia-and-rwanda-funding-partnerships>; network of researchers working in Rwanda strengthened
6. Impact and Engagement events
 - Hannah hosted Reading and Q&A with Véronique Tadjo at literary café, 19 April 2017 at Byre Theatre, St Andrews
 - Film screening of 'The Uncondemned' provisionally booked for February 28th 2018
 - Kigali Therapists Workshop: preparation begun for workshop with therapists in 2018

7. Publications

- Blackie, Jayawickreme, Hitchcott and Joseph, 'Distinguishing Post-Traumatic Growth from Psychological Adjustment among Rwandan Genocide Survivors', in *Varieties of Virtue Ethics* Palgrave Macmillan. Published 2017.
- Blackie, Hitchcott, Joseph, "Looking for evidence of Post-traumatic growth in Perpetrators of the Rwanda Genocide" in *Journal of Perpetrator Research*. Accepted for publication in June 2017.
- Grayson, "A place for individuals: positive growth in Rwanda", in *East African Literary and Cultural Studies*. Under review.