

FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS

In September, Melbourne documentary photographer Georgia Metaxas will be facilitating **FREE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOPS.**

The workshops form part of *The Babel Project*, a Jewish Museum of Australia community arts project that explores diversity and multiculturalism.

If you are over 18 and live in the Hume City Council, Cardinia Shire, City of Port Phillip or Hobsons Bay areas, this is an unmissable opportunity to learn basic photography techniques and to unleash your creativity in an informal atmosphere.

Disposable cameras will be provided free of charge.

WORKSHOPS DATES AND VENUES

AREA	DATE	TIME	VENUE
Cardinia Shire	Wednesday 8 and Wednesday 22 September	9am – 12pm	Cardinia Cultural Centre
City of Port Phillip	Tuesday 14 and Tuesday 28 September	9.30am – 12.30pm	Jewish Museum of Australia
Hume City Council	Wednesday 15 and Wednesday 29 September	9.30am – 12.30pm	Hume Global Learning Centre
Hobsons Bay City Council	Sunday 19 September and Sunday 3 October (DATES TBC)	2.30pm – 5.30pm (TIME TBC)	The Substation

Important information:

To apply for the Babel Project you will need to complete and sign the form below and return it to the Museum by Tuesday 24 August.

We will notify you by Thursday 26 August to confirm whether or not you have been selected to participate in the workshops.

For more information or to register, visit www.jewishmuseum.com.au or contact Adriana Gomberg (Project Officer) on 8534 3623 or a.gomberg@jewishmuseum.com.au
To see some of Georgia's work, visit www.metaxasphotography.com.au

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THE BABEL PROJECT



Background

The unfinished Tower of Babel has stood, for centuries, in art, literature and biblical commentaries, as a challenge to the God of Genesis, a sign of mankind's rebellion and as evidence of the divine-human struggle. Figuratively, however, the Tower of Babel is used to represent much more. It offers meaning to the multiplicity of languages as they appear across the globe, and it makes sense of the myriad different cultures and races that exist across our borders.



The Project

Conceived by the Jewish Museum of Australia and part of VicHealth's *Arts about Us* program, The Babel Project invites photographer Georgia Metaxas to explore these ideas with residents from Hume City Council, Cardinia Shire, City of Port Phillip and Hobsons Bay. The Tower of Babel story will serve as a springboard for discussions about understanding amid diversity, and as a way for the different participants to understand the basis of multiculturalism. By utilising photography, a visual language universally understood, the project will allow participants to reflect on the commonalities of contemporary cultures.



This challenging and thought-provoking community arts project will culminate in a multicultural multimedia exhibition of the participants' photographs and voices. It will tour to the Jewish Museum of Australia in St Kilda, The Substation in Newport, the Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham and the Hume Global Learning Centre in Broadmeadows.

Getting Involved



With the Babel Project, participants will step outside their own communities, to meet and collaborate with people who they would not normally encounter in a lifetime of living in Melbourne. Up to 48 people from a diverse range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds will be selected to participate in our 2 FREE photography workshops in September 2010.



To be eligible to participate in the workshops, applicants will have to be over 18 years of age and live in one of the following areas: Cardinia Shire, City of Port Phillip, Hobsons Bay or Hume City Council. Interested people will need to register and applicants will be notified whether or not they have been selected to participate in the workshops.



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REGISTRATION FORM

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- E-mail: agomberg@jewishmuseum.com.au
- Mail: Jewish Museum of Australia
26 Alma Road
St Kilda VIC 3182
- Fax: (03) 9534 0844

Important information: This application doesn't guarantee your participation in the workshops. We will notify you by **Thursday 26 August** to confirm whether or not you have been selected to participate in the workshops.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

E-mail: _____

Telephone: _____

Tell us a little about yourself

1 – Age: 18 – 25 26 – 35 36 – 50 50+

2 – Gender: Female Male

3 – Country of birth: _____

4 – How long have you lived in Australia: _____

5 – Languages spoken at home other than English: _____

6 – Your English language level: None Basic Good Excellent

8 - Other comments: _____

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How did you hear about The Babel Project?

- Jewish Museum of Australia website Local Council
- Community Group Newspaper
- Other: _____

Why does The Babel Project interest you and what do you hope to achieve from it?

Please tick the boxes below and sign to confirm your agreement

- I am over 18 years of age
- I live in one of the following areas:
Cardinia Shire / City of Port Phillip / Hume City Council / Hobsons Bay
- I am available to attend the two half-day workshops on the dates set out above
- I am happy for the work I produce to be used by the Jewish Museum of Australia for display within the Museum, online and any other venue where The Babel Project might be exhibited

Signature: _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

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