

Death Matters: a thought provoking local documentary about dying

Friday 16 October 2015 at 13h00

Pathology Learning Centre (in the JS Marais Mortuary building), UCT Health Sciences Faculty

In 'Death Matters', a variety of citizens as well as professionals express their views about the options for people living in South African metros regarding their final farewell. While considering options like sky burials, cremations, donation to science and eco burials, the documentary addresses major problems such as the environmental and financial burden of most traditional burials, as well as the lack of space in public cemeteries.

Included is footage from the Anatomy dissection hall at UCT, with medical students' thoughtful comments about donated cadavers.

The screening will be followed by an interactive discussion in which the film's producer will participate.

The documentary is part of a larger 'Death Matters' project that encourages discussion and much needed innovation. Visit www.deathmatters.co.za for the trailer and to participate in the online survey for the purpose of data gathering!