

# What you told us about arts and disability in Australia





## Hard words

This book has some hard words.

The first time we write a hard word

- the word is in **blue**
- we write what the hard word means.

## You can get help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- read this book
- know what this book is about



- find more information.

## About this book

This book is written by the Department of Communications and the Arts.

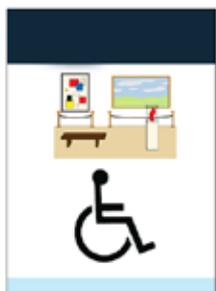
When you see the word **we** it means the government.

This is a report about

- stories and ideas you told us

and

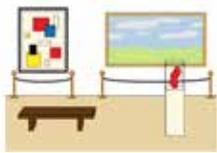
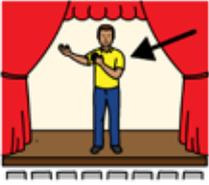
- our plan for arts and disability in Australia.



We asked you to tell us your stories and ideas about arts and disability in Australia.

The stories and ideas will help us make a new **National Arts and Disability Strategy**.

National Arts and Disability Strategy means a plan for how we will make things happen.



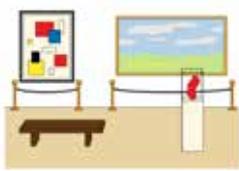
## What are the arts?

In our plan the arts means

- all types of art
  - for example, film and dance



- places where art is made or shown
  - for example, galleries and museums.



## What is disability?

In our plan disability means

- all types of disability



- things that make it hard for people to be part of their community.



## Your story and ideas

We heard ideas from lots of people.

For example

- people with disability



- carers and families of people with disability

- people who work in places where art is made or shown



- disability groups

- education groups

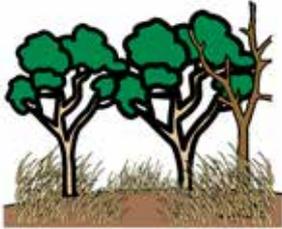


- people who work in the arts.



We also heard ideas from

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people



- people who live in regional or remote areas



- young people



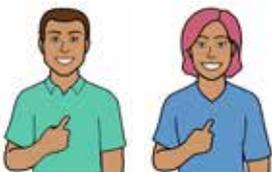
- older people



- people who have different
  - cultures



- languages

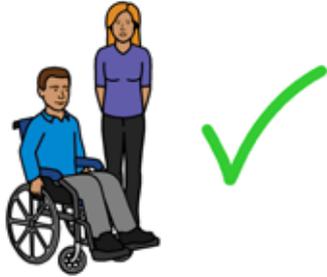


- genders



- sexualities.

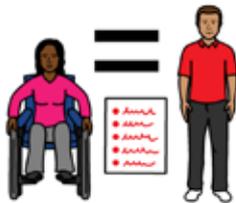
## Our plan and changes in the arts



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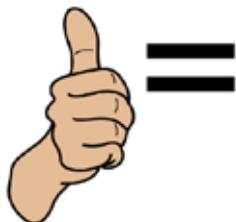
Human rights are things everyone should be able to

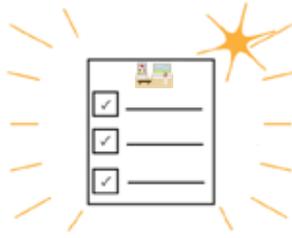
- get
- have
- do.



Our plan about the arts is part of a bigger plan to make sure people with disability

- live in accessible communities
- are part of their community
- have the same choices as everyone else.





Your ideas will help us make a new plan for arts and disability.



The new plan will make sure people with disability can

- access the arts

and



- work in the arts.

# What you told us

## 1. Education and training



You told us that education and training are

- important to help people get a job in the arts



- **not** accessible to everyone.

We found out that

- everyone does **not** get the support they need to get training



- some organisations are doing work to make it easier for people to get the training they need.

## 2. Jobs in the arts

You told us that artists and arts workers with disability



- help cultural life in Australia
- sometimes find it hard to get jobs in the arts.

We found out that artists and arts workers with disability



- tell good stories
- make world class art
- earn money in the arts.



We also found out that

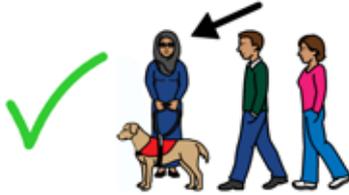
- some people with disability find it hard to make money from their art



- places where art is made or shown are **not** always accessible.

### 3. Artists and art workers as leaders

You told us that a lot of artists and arts workers with disability



- are good leaders of people

or



- are ready to learn how to lead people at work.

We found out that

- there are **not** many leadership roles for people with disability in the arts

and



- leadership training is **not** always accessible.

## 4. Groups work together to get good outcomes for people with disability

You told us when groups work together it helps people with disability to



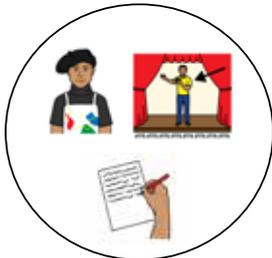
- meet more people in the arts

and



- find more jobs in the arts.

You told us that organisations who work together in the arts



- found more people with different skills

and



- learned more about people with disability.

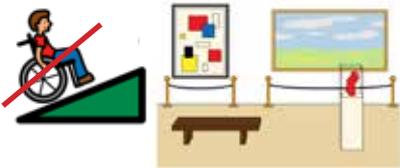
## 5. People with disability join in the arts and their communities

You told us that when people with disability go to arts events it makes them

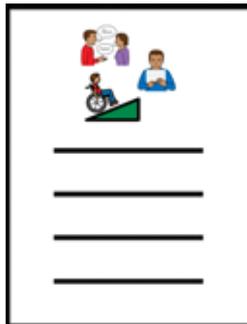
- feel happy

and

- have a good life.

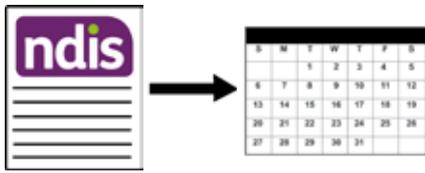


You told us that arts events are **not** always accessible.



We found out that more arts events are accessible when organisations know more about disability and accessibility.

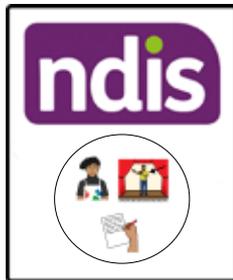
## 6. What we can do with the NDIS and the arts



You told us that

- some people with disability will have NDIS plans this year

and



- some people will use supports in their NDIS plan to do activities in the arts.

We found out that organisations need to

- learn more about the NDIS

and



- use the NDIS to give more opportunities and supports to people with disability in the arts.



## More information

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