

# Auslan video transcript – National Arts and Disability Strategy consultation

[Opening titles: National Arts and Disability Strategy, an initiative of the Meeting of Cultural Ministers.]

The Australian Government and state and territory governments want to improve access to the arts for people who are Deaf, hard of hearing, have a disability or mental health condition.

Our stories can help them do this.

To find out how you can tell your story, watch this video or go to [www.arts.gov.au/mcm](http://www.arts.gov.au/mcm).

Have you ever gone to the movies but you couldn't understand it because there were no subtitles?

Have you tried to do a theatre workshop but couldn't understand the teacher?

Do you want to become a professional artist but experience barriers because you are Deaf?

If you go to a festival, are you confused about which events are suitable for Deaf people?

The Australian, state and territory governments want to improve access to all different types of art, including movies, dance, fashion design, painting, sculpture, music, making video games, books, theatre, and going to places like galleries, libraries, museums and festivals.

Governments want to collect more information so they can work out how to improve access. They are asking us to tell our stories.

We need to tell our stories – what works and what doesn't.

Governments want to know how we are involved with the arts.

Do you like to watch movies, read books, go to exhibitions, see theatre shows?

Do you like to express yourself creatively, such as by writing, singing, performing, dancing, painting, or going to an art class just for fun?

Are you a professional artist?

If yes, tell your story. What barriers do you experience? What works well?

Why do you enjoy your involvement with the arts? Why is it important for you to access the arts?

Tell your story if you are:

Deaf or hard of hearing, or you have a disability or a mental health condition.

Or you are involved with an arts organisation that works with this group or in the future you want to work with this group

Or if you are a carer, family member or friend of a person who is Deaf or hard of hearing or a person with disability or a mental health condition.

So how do you tell your story?

You can make a video, sign your story, then upload the video to the website.

You can email.

You can call through the National Relay Service.

There is also a survey with questions for you to answer.

Your stories will be used to inform the National Arts and Disability Strategy. On the website you can read more about this and get ideas for what to say.

If you have questions about privacy, go to the website.

Please take the time to let governments know about your experiences. Your story can help improve access to the arts. Thank you!

[Closing titles: Tell Your Story. Consultation open. Closes 3 December. Go to [www.arts.gov.au/mcm](http://www.arts.gov.au/mcm)]