

Information about arts and disability in Australia



National **Arts + Disability** Strategy

MEETING OF CULTURAL MINISTERS



Easy English



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 book is a **summary** of the **research** we did about arts and disability in Australia.

Summary means important information.



Research means to find information about something.

Our new plan for arts and disability in Australia will be based on

- the research
- information we get from people we talk to in 2018.





How do people with disability engage with the arts?

People with disability

- **practise** art
 - practise means how people work in the arts



- **express** themselves with art
 - express means how people enjoy art



- **connect** with art
 - connect means how people see different types of art.

People with disability might engage with the arts in different ways.



There are lots of groups that support people to engage with the arts.



How do people with disability practise art?

We know that



- many people with disability do **not** get paid work in the arts



- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists with disability can get money for their art



- good arts education can help people with disability to work in the arts



- people with disability need **mentors** and **networks** to work in the arts.



A mentor is a person who helps someone to reach their art goals.

Network means people from different groups who help someone to reach their art goals.

We also know that some people have the wrong idea about what people with disability can do.



How do people with disability express themselves with art?

We know that good things happen when people do art.



For example, people might

- meet other people



- feel better.



We also know that when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people do art they can

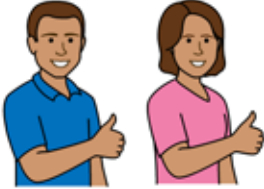
- connect with their culture



- feel better.



How do people with disability connect with art?



We know that Australians with disability

- feel good about art



- give money to the arts

- like to engage with different types of art



- **volunteer** in the arts.

Volunteering is

- work to help people and groups

- **not** a paid job.

Things we do not know

We need to do more research to get information about



- how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists with disability get to practise art



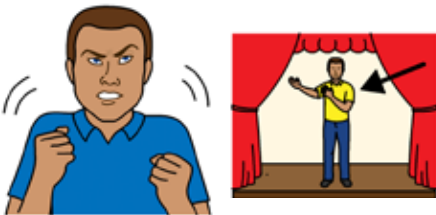
- different types of art that people with disability practise
 - for example, computer games



- how education can help people with disability practise art



- how mentors can help people with disability to work in the arts



- things that make it hard for people with disability to get a job in the arts.



We also need to get information about

- how art might help people with disability to feel better

- how Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists with disability enjoy art



- things that make it hard for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists with disability to do art



- how easy it is to access different arts and events



- why lots of people with disability volunteer in the arts



- how the National Disability Insurance Scheme or NDIS might change the way people engage with the arts.

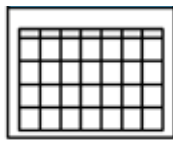


There are lots of reasons people with disability might find it hard to engage with the arts.



For example

- cost



- access to transport and events



- access to clear information.

What is the National Arts and Disability Strategy?

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The National Arts and Disability Strategy was written in 2009.



The goals were to

- give people with disability better access to the arts



- make it easy for people with disability to work in the arts



- find new ways to show art made by people with disability



- get people with disability to help make the plan.

There have been lots of changes in the arts since 2009.



For example, the roll out of the NDIS.



We want to learn more about arts and disability in Australia and make a new plan in 2019.



We want people to read our discussion paper and tell us their ideas

- in writing



- with a phone call



- with an **online survey**
 - an online survey is a list of questions that can be answered on a computer



- at a meeting.



We will talk to people about their ideas from 24 September 2018 to 3 December 2018.

We will add their ideas to our new plan.

More information



There is more information about the arts and disability research here

www.arts.gov.au/mcm



There is more information about our discussion paper in Easy English here

www.arts.gov.au/mcm

We will put the results of the discussion paper on our website **before** 28 February 2019.



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