

# Resources and contacts

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[www.artsaccessaustralia.org](http://www.artsaccessaustralia.org)

## Arts Access Australia network

### Arts Access Australia

[www.artsaccessaustralia.org](http://www.artsaccessaustralia.org)  
Ph: 02 9251 6844 Fax: 02 9251 6422

### Accessible Arts (NSW)

[www.aarts.net.au](http://www.aarts.net.au)  
Ph: 02 9251 6499 Fax: 02 9251 6422

### Arts Ability Officers (ACT)

Ph: 02 6247 1882 Fax: 02 6247 8859  
Email: [ddao@artsrec.org.au](mailto:ddao@artsrec.org.au)

### Arts in Action (SA)

[www.artsinaction.asn.au](http://www.artsinaction.asn.au)  
Ph: 08 8224 0799 Fax: 08 8224 0709

### Access Arts (QLD)

[www.accessarts.org.au](http://www.accessarts.org.au)  
Ph: 07 3358 6200 Fax: 07 3358 6211

### Arts Action (TAS)

Ph: 03 6214 7633 Fax: 03 6214 7636  
Email: [ed@artsaccessaustralia.org](mailto:ed@artsaccessaustralia.org)

### Arts Access Central Australia (NT)

c/- InCite Youth Arts  
Ph/Fax: 08 8952 6338  
Email: [inciteya@ozemail.com.au](mailto:inciteya@ozemail.com.au)

### Arts Access Darwin (NT)

c/- Browns Mart Community Arts  
Ph: 08 8981 5522 Fax: 08 8941 3222  
Email: [mail@brownsmart.com.au](mailto:mail@brownsmart.com.au)

### DADAA WA

Ph: 08 9430 6616 Fax: 08 9336 4008  
Email: [arts@dadaawa.asn.au](mailto:arts@dadaawa.asn.au)

### Arts Access (VIC)

[www.artsaccess.com.au](http://www.artsaccess.com.au)  
Ph: 03 9699 8299 Fax: 03 9699 8868  
TTY: 03 9699 7636  
EASE Ticket Service Ph: 03 9699 8497

## Featured organisations

### Display Workshop – Kimberley TAFE, Broome Campus

[www.kimberley.tafe.wa.edu.au](http://www.kimberley.tafe.wa.edu.au)  
Ph: 08 9192 9100 Fax: 08 9192 9111

### Ignition Theatre Training

[www.nmit.vic.edu.au](http://www.nmit.vic.edu.au)  
Ph: 03 9269 1656

### Open Art ACT – Belconnen Community Centre

[www.belcomserv.com.au/belconnen\\_community\\_centre.html](http://www.belcomserv.com.au/belconnen_community_centre.html)  
Ph: 02 6253 1166

### Adelaide Festival Centre

[www.afct.org.au](http://www.afct.org.au)  
Ph: 08 8216 8600

### Mwerre Anthurre / Bindi Centa Art

Ph: 08 8952 7277 Fax: 08 8952 3747  
Email: [artscoordinator@bindicentasales.com](mailto:artscoordinator@bindicentasales.com)

### Arts Roar

Ph: 03 6343 3467  
Email: [artsroar@fastmail.fm](mailto:artsroar@fastmail.fm)

### Nymagee Outback Music Festival

[www.geocities.com/nymageefestival](http://www.geocities.com/nymageefestival)  
Ph: 02 6837 3667

### Bunker Cartoon Gallery

Ph: 02 6651 7343 Fax: 02 6650 0908  
Email: [bunkergallery@bigpond.com](mailto:bunkergallery@bigpond.com)

### Back to Back Theatre

[www.backtobacktheatre.com](http://www.backtobacktheatre.com)  
Ph: 03 5221 2029 Fax: 03 5229 0525

### Restless Dance Company

[www.restlessdance.org](http://www.restlessdance.org)  
Ph: 08 8212 8495 Fax: 08 8212 4450

### **Pinnacles Gallery**

Ph: 07 4773 8437 Fax: 07 4773 8608  
Email: [pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au](mailto:pinnacles@thuringowa.qld.gov.au)

### **Tutti Ensemble Inc**

[www.tutti.org.au](http://www.tutti.org.au)  
Email: [tuttiensemble@tutti.org.au](mailto:tuttiensemble@tutti.org.au)

## **Arts and disability resources – Australia**

### **Arts organisations and festivals**

#### **Arts Project Australia**

[www.artsproject.org.au](http://www.artsproject.org.au)

Workshops, exhibitions and development for visual artists with an intellectual disability. Based in Victoria.

Ph: 03 9482 4482 Fax: 03 9482 1852

#### **Australian Theatre of the Deaf (ATOD)**

[www.ozdeaftheatre.com](http://www.ozdeaftheatre.com)

Ph: 02 9310 1255 Fax: 02 9318 2835

TTY: 02 9310 1205

#### **Awakenings Festival**

<http://awakenings.horsham.net.au>

Regional arts and disability festival held in Horsham, Victoria.

Ph: 03 5362 4006 Fax: 03 5382 1566

#### **Community Cultural Development in Australia**

[www.ccd.net](http://www.ccd.net)

National website for community cultural development.

#### **National Arts and Culture Alliance (NACA)**

[www.naca.org.au](http://www.naca.org.au)

National coalition of individuals,

organisations, agencies and community groups involved in the areas of community cultural development and community arts.

### **Online information kits and ideas**

#### **Access All Areas**

[www.ozco.gov.au/artsResources.aspx](http://www.ozco.gov.au/artsResources.aspx)

→ Type Access All Areas in the Resource Finder box

This guide is intended to be practical, covering actions which are within reach of arts organisations, especially marketing officers and their departments.

#### **Accessing the Arts Kit**

[www.artsaccessaustralia.org/accessingkit.htm](http://www.artsaccessaustralia.org/accessingkit.htm)

This information resource, developed by Accessible Arts NSW, provides information on all aspects of improving access to cultural venues and events.

#### **Companion Card**

[www.companioncard.org.au/cc/index.htm](http://www.companioncard.org.au/cc/index.htm)

Promoting the right of people with a disability who require a companion to fair ticketing at Victorian events and venues. Also being implemented in other states.

#### **Disability Fact Pack**

[www.ozco.gov.au/artsResources.aspx](http://www.ozco.gov.au/artsResources.aspx)

→ Type Disability Fact Pack in the Resource Finder box

An overview of the Disability Discrimination Act and an outline of issues for arts organisations regarding people with disabilities.

#### **Fuel4arts**

[www.fuel4arts.com](http://www.fuel4arts.com)

Free audience and market development

tools and ideas for professional arts marketers and artists.

### **Web Access Guidelines**

[www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/standards/www\\_3/www\\_3.html](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/standards/www_3/www_3.html)  
Guidelines for providing accessible online design.

### **Arts and disability funding**

#### **Commonwealth Grants**

[www.grantslink.gov.au](http://www.grantslink.gov.au)  
Searchable site of community grants that includes the Australia Council, Regional Arts Fund, Department of Communication Information Technology and the Arts (DCITA) and also picks up links to state and territory arts-funding agencies.

#### **Australia Council for the Arts**

[www.ozco.gov.au](http://www.ozco.gov.au)  
The Australia Council is the Australian Government's arts funding and advisory body.

#### **Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts**

[www.dcita.gov.au](http://www.dcita.gov.au)  
Programs, activities, networks and grants related to the arts in Australia.

#### **Department of Family and Community Services**

[www.facs.gov.au](http://www.facs.gov.au)  
FaCS is responsible for social policies and support affecting Australian society and the living standards of Australian families.

#### **Department of Health and Ageing**

[www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)  
The Department seeks to provide

better health and healthy ageing for all Australians. The site contains links through to state and territory government health agencies

#### **Our Community**

[www.ourcommunity.com.au/funding/grant\\_main.jsp](http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/funding/grant_main.jsp)  
Publishes the monthly *Easy Grants* newsletter.

#### **Regional Arts Australia**

[www.regionalarts.com.au](http://www.regionalarts.com.au)  
Federation of state and territory agencies who administer the Regional Arts Fund.

#### **Philanthropy Australia**

[www.philanthropy.org.au](http://www.philanthropy.org.au)  
The national membership organisation for grantmaking trusts and foundations.

#### **Australian Business Arts Foundation**

[www.abaf.org.au](http://www.abaf.org.au)  
Connects business, the arts, donors and foundations through three programs – Partnering, Volunteering and Giving.

### **Disability advocacy and resources**

#### **Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission**

[www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/)  
Disability rights information.

#### **Commonwealth Disability Strategy**

[www.facs.gov.au/disability/cds/index.htm](http://www.facs.gov.au/disability/cds/index.htm)  
Information about this government strategy.

#### **Australian Federation of Disability Organisations**

[www.afdo.org.au](http://www.afdo.org.au)

### **People With Disabilities Australia**

[www.pwd.org.au](http://www.pwd.org.au)

### **Carers Australia**

[www.carersaustralia.com.au](http://www.carersaustralia.com.au)

### **National Ethnic Disability Alliance**

[www.neda.org.au](http://www.neda.org.au)

### **National Indigenous Disability Network**

Ros Sackley Ph: 0422 918 384

### **NICAN**

[www.nican.com.au](http://www.nican.com.au)

Information on recreation, tourism, sport and the arts for people with disabilities.

### **Way with words**

[www.disability.qld.gov.au/publications/waywithwords.pdf](http://www.disability.qld.gov.au/publications/waywithwords.pdf)

Guidelines for the portrayal of people with disabilities

### **Companies providing equipment and services**

#### **Access Audits Australia**

[www.accessauditsaustralia.com.au](http://www.accessauditsaustralia.com.au)

Accredited professionals who provide access audits, plus training, presentations and advice about disability awareness for companies, government departments and local councils.

#### **Independent Living Centres**

[www.ilcaustralia.org](http://www.ilcaustralia.org)

Click on Product Search → choose a State → Recreation → Art & Craft Equipment. Services and products for people with a disability, including adaptive arts and craft materials.

### **Technical Aid to the Disabled**

[www.technicalaidnsw.org.au](http://www.technicalaidnsw.org.au)

Offers custom-designed aids where no commercial products are available.

### **Adapted Recreation & Sporting Equipment**

[www.smartarts.net.au/agedcare](http://www.smartarts.net.au/agedcare)

Games, publications and products to assist people with a disability and the aged.

### **Salubrious Productions: Artists with Ability**

[www.salubriousproductions.com](http://www.salubriousproductions.com)

Brisbane-based entertainment and production agency representing a diverse range of artists and entertainers.

### **Print publications**

#### ***Freedom to Move: Dance and Movement for People with Intellectual Disabilities***

Available from McClelland & Petty

Publishers Ph: 02 9349 5811 or

[www.bookshop.unsw.edu.au/publichealth/ph\\_dis.html](http://www.bookshop.unsw.edu.au/publichealth/ph_dis.html)

#### ***Accessible TheatreSports: A Book of Drama Improvisation Ideas***

[www.aarts.net.au](http://www.aarts.net.au) → click on Resources

Ph: 02 9251 6499

#### ***Positive Negative: Writings on Integrated Dance***

[www.aarts.net.au](http://www.aarts.net.au) → click on Resources

Ph: 02 9251 6499

#### **Bridging Pathways**

<http://165.12.253.219/publications/publication.asp?qsID=685>

The Department of Education, Science

and Training's national educational strategy for people with disabilities. This link is to the revised blueprint for implementation.

## **Arts and disability resources – international**

### **World Health Organization**

[www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/](http://www.who.int/classifications/icf/en/)  
The World Health Organization International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (abbreviated as 'ICF') provides a conceptual basis for the definition, measurement and policy formulations for health and disability.

### **United Kingdom**

#### **Arts Council of England**

[www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)  
Enter 'disability' as a search term.

#### **Disability Arts Online**

[www.disabilityarts.org](http://www.disabilityarts.org)  
Regular features and news on disabled artists.

#### **National Disability Arts Forum**

[www.ndaf.org](http://www.ndaf.org)  
Useful links and a regular newsletter.

#### **New Audiences**

[www.newaudiences.org.uk](http://www.newaudiences.org.uk)  
Enter 'disability' as a search term.

### **United States**

#### **Very Special Arts**

[www.vsarts.org](http://www.vsarts.org)  
An international arts and disability organisation with a network of affiliates worldwide – including Arts Access Australia.

#### **National Endowment for the Arts – Accessibility**

[www.nea.gov/resources/Accessibility](http://www.nea.gov/resources/Accessibility)  
Useful information and resources.

#### **National Institute for Arts and Disability**

[www.niadart.org](http://www.niadart.org)

#### **National Arts and Disability Center**

[www.nadc.ucla.edu](http://www.nadc.ucla.edu)

#### **Kennedy Centre for the Performing Arts**

[www.kennedy-center.org/accessibility](http://www.kennedy-center.org/accessibility)  
Coordinates the Leadership Exchange in Arts and Disability (LEAD) conference.

#### **Raw Vision – Outsider Art**

[www.rawvision.com](http://www.rawvision.com)

#### **Smithsonian Institute**

[www.si.edu/opa/accessibility/exdesign/](http://www.si.edu/opa/accessibility/exdesign/)  
Accessibility guidelines for museums and galleries.

#### **Centre for Universal Design**

[www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/](http://www.design.ncsu.edu/cud/)

#### **Universal Access Symbols**

[www.gag.org/resources/das.php](http://www.gag.org/resources/das.php)

### **New Zealand**

#### **Arts Access Aotearoa**

[www.artsaccess.org.nz](http://www.artsaccess.org.nz)  
Communities with limited access to the arts including people with disabilities.

#### **International Guild of Disabled Artists and Performers**

[www.igodap.org](http://www.igodap.org)

Artists and performers who identify as being disabled or having a disability.

## Definitions of 'disability'

The definition of disability for the purposes of the Disability Discrimination Act is:

- total or partial loss of a person's bodily or mental functions
- total or partial loss of a part of the body
- the presence in the body of organisms causing disease or illness
- the presence in the body of organisms capable of causing disease or illness
- the malfunction, malformation or disfigurement of a part of a person's body
- a disorder or malfunction that results in the person learning differently from a person without the disorder or malfunction
- a disorder, illness or disease that affects a person's thought processes, perception of reality, emotions or judgment or that results in disturbed behaviour.

The Disability Discrimination Act protects people who fall under this definition, and also protects those who have some form of personal connection with a person with a disability like relatives, friends, carers and co-workers if they are discriminated against because of that connection or relationship.

For more information on the Disability Discrimination Act, see [www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/dda\\_guide/dda\\_guide.htm](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/dda_guide/dda_guide.htm)

## Conceptual models of disability

Historically, two major conceptual models of disability have been proposed. The medical model views disability as a feature of the person. Disability, on this model, calls for medical or other treatment or intervention to correct the problem with the individual. The social model of disability, on the other hand, sees disability as a socially created problem and not an attribute of an individual. Thus disability demands a political response since the 'problem' is created by an unaccommodating physical environment brought about by attitudes and other aspects of the social environment. The social model also enables organisations to focus clearly on universal access and design, which concentrates on making all environments, products and services accessible to all people.



## Disability Action Plans

An effective way of ensuring an organisation is making itself accessible and meeting the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act is to develop a Disability Action Plan. An effective Action Plan should:

- eliminate discrimination in an active way
- improve services to existing consumers or customers
- enhance organisational image
- reduce the likelihood of complaints being made
- increase the likelihood of being able to successfully defend complaints
- increase the likelihood of avoiding costly legal action
- allow for a planned and managed change in business or services
- open up new markets and attract new consumers.

The member organisations of the Arts Access Australia network are all able to assist organisations in developing an Action Plan. Contact details can be found in the Resources and contacts section of this book.

For examples and information on Disability Action Plans see: [www.hreoc.gov.au/disability\\_rights/action\\_plans/Register/register.html](http://www.hreoc.gov.au/disability_rights/action_plans/Register/register.html)