Making Art Work
Results from the Economic Study of Professional Artists in Australia

Easy English Summary
This book was written by Australia Council for the Arts
When you see ‘we’ it means Australia Council for the Arts.

**Hard words**

This book has some hard words.
The first time we write a hard word
- the word is in blue
- look at page 5 to read what the hard word means.
What we did

• We asked Macquarie University to help us.

• People at Macquarie University spoke to 826 artists from all over Australia.

• Artists were asked about
  
  – their work
  
  – how they make money.

• We wanted to know how this had changed in Australia since 7 years ago.
What we learnt

There are 48,000 artists in Australia.

Some people are less likely to be artists than other people.

People who are less likely to be artists are

- from a non-English speaking background
- people with a disability.

It is hard for artists to earn enough money from their art.

We learnt

- Artists still earn less than other Australians
- Female artists make less money than male artists
- Artists with disability make a lot less money than artists without disability
- Most artists need to have other jobs to help them earn money.
What we learnt

Artists use technology a lot.

Artists use technology to

• create their art
• work with other people
• tell people about their art
• sell their art.

Artists can

• solve problems
• think differently
• have new ideas.

These are important skills for jobs in the future.

Artists need to be paid fairly for their work.
Art

Art includes:

- theatre
- dance
- books
- music
- visual art.

Technology

Technology is things like

- computers
- computer programs
- cameras.

Technology can help you work in new ways.
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