

Promoting Inclusion in The Arts

Promoting inclusion in the Arts is about ensuring that everyone—regardless of ability, background, culture, or circumstance—has opportunities to create, participate in, and experience the arts. Here are some key approaches:

1. Accessibility

- Provide venues that are physically accessible (ramps, lifts, wide pathways, accessible seating).
- Offer assistive technologies (captioning, audio description, Auslan interpreters, tactile tours).
- Use plain language and multiple formats for programs and communications.

2. Representation

- Showcase diverse voices and stories—First Nations, culturally and linguistically diverse communities, LGBTQIA+, people with disabilities, and older artists.
- Prioritise programming that reflects the lived experiences of different communities.
- Ensure casting, exhibitions, and performances avoid stereotypes and tokenism.

3. Participation & Pathways

- Provide inclusive workshops, classes, and mentorship programs.
- Support emerging artists from underrepresented groups with funding, residencies, and exhibition opportunities.
- Encourage schools and community groups to access inclusive arts activities.

4. Training & Awareness

- Deliver disability and cultural awareness training for staff, artists, and volunteers.
- Build partnerships with organisations that support marginalised groups.
- Foster safe, respectful spaces where all participants feel valued.

5. Affordability & Access to Opportunities

- Offer free or low-cost events, concession pricing, and community days.
- Provide travel subsidies or digital access to reach remote and regional communities.

6. Celebration & Advocacy

- Highlight inclusive arts projects in media and marketing campaigns.
- Share stories of impact to inspire wider community involvement.
- Position inclusion not as an add-on, but as central to artistic excellence.

Core message: Inclusion in the arts doesn't just broaden participation—it enriches creativity, deepens connection, and ensures the arts truly reflect the diverse communities they serve.