

Resourcing the arts and health sector

Disability in the Arts, Disadvantage in the Arts Australia WA (DADAA WA)

WA is a not-for-profit community cultural development organisation based in Fremantle that has acted as a catalyst for the development of an inclusive approach to the arts and culture of Western Australia for fifteen years. *Disseminate* is an action-based evaluation, research and publishing project that was established in response to a pressing need in both the arts and health sectors for evaluation of community-based arts programs. While recognising that the alignment of arts and health is a multi-faceted field, *Disseminate* demonstrates the valuable contribution that community arts activities make to the health, wellbeing and vitality of individuals and communities.

This 50 minute session will include presentations by three speakers focusing on the following areas of arts and health: research, resources and the sector. The speakers will cover what research has already been conducted, key findings and what needs to happen; what resources are needed and what there already is; and what is the current state of the arts and health sector in Australia. The session will be an opportunity for the arts and health sector to share knowledge and intellectual property with health practitioners working in isolated regional communities. The session will engage the audience in a conversation around regional arts and health issues impacting on their communities and stimulate access to and use of the *Disseminate* arts and health platform.