Draft Disability & Inclusion Access Plan

Footscray Community Arts has a Draft Disability & Inclusion Action Plan.

We want your feedback on our draft plan so we can better understand how we can make Footscray Community Arts more accessible for Deaf and/or Disabled Communities.

Our Disability and Inclusion Action Plan is a document that has been created in collaboration with our community.

It is a plan to make sure Footscray Community Arts integrates accessible ways of working, developing and presenting art.

In this survey, we are asking for specific feedback about our goals and our actions areas. This will support our detailed key action list that we will publish in our plan.

Please complete this survey by Sunday 7 May 2023. This survey is confidential and results are de-identified and anonymous.

Thank you for your time.

Footscray Community Arts.

## **Question 1**

### Consent\*

I have read the survey information above and agree that my anonymous feedback will be used to help Footscray Community Arts develop a Disability & Inclusion Action Plan to improve accessibility.

Yes

No

## **Question 2**

### How would you describe your relationship with Footscray Community Arts? (tick all that apply)\*

I am an artist or arts worker that has/ will collaborate with Footscray Community Arts

I am an audience member or I engage in programs

I sometimes visit the precinct to go to the cafe or hang out on the lawns

I support a person with disability to attend Footscray Community Arts

I am family or a carer of a person with disability that attends Footscray Community Arts

I have never come to Footscray Community Arts, but am interested in arts and culture in

Melbourne's West

Other (please specify) 

## **Question 3**

### Do you Identify as any of the following? Please choose all that apply.\*

Person with disability

Disabled

D/deaf

Neurodiverse

Blind or person with low vision

Person with chronic pain or illness

Person with mental health condition

Person of Colour/ Person from culturally

and linguistically diverse background

First Nations (Australia)

First Nations (Other)

LGBTQIA+

Other (please specify)



## **Question 4**

### Are you connected with Melbourne’s West? Please choose all that apply.\*

Living in Melbourne’s West

Working in Melbourne’s West

Living in Melbourne

Living in Regional Victoria

None of the above

Other (please specify) 

## **Question 5**

Do you have any feedback about our goals?

**Disability Inclusion Action Plan Goals:**

Our vision is that all communities are valued as makers of culture.

* Through this plan, our goals are to: Support leadership by d/Deaf and Disabled artists and workers.

Develop a team culture that prioritises access at every level of the organisation.

* Champion human rights by being thoughtful, considered and focused on improving access.
* Ensure access is inclusive across different cultures and communities and with our communities of focus: First Nations, culturally and linguistically diverse, LGBTQIA+ and d/Deaf and Disabled artists.
* Continually review, listen, engage and collaborate with d/Deaf and Disabled artists, workers and audience members.

* Be consistent and considerate in how we work.

**Answer:**

## **Question 6**

Do you have any feedback about our terminology and language we will use?

**Terminology:**As an organisation, Footscray Community Arts will now use the term ‘d/Deaf and Disabled.’    
   
We are committed to using language that reflects the needs of our communities.   
   
We recognise that people use different terms to describe themselves and that language is important and complex.   
 

In our relationships with individuals, we will always be led by the person and how they want to identify themselves.    
   
We commit to reviewing the language we use and respond to the politics of our communities.

**Answer:**

**Our Action Areas:**  
The following themes came out of the feedback we received from our communities. These have been turned into action areas. 

* LEADERSHIP
* COMMUNICATION
* CREATIVITY
* EXPERIENCE

Please go to the next question to read about these action areas and give your feedback.

## **Question 7**

Do you have any feedback on our Action Area, *Leadership*?

**LEADERSHIP**   
We are committed to ensuring there is d/Deaf and Disabled leadership across our organisation.  
   
Footscray Community Arts will do this by

* Provide training to all staff about disability and access.
* Ensuring all parts of Footscray Community Arts is accessible, culturally safe and well-equipped to support the leadership of d/Deaf and Disabled artists and arts workers.

* Review and update all policies and procedures to embed accessibility.
* Improve Human Resources processes to integrate accessibility within our culture and way of working.

**Answer:**

## **Question 8**

Do you have any feedback on our Action Area, *Communication*?

**COMMUNICATION**

We will ensure strong communication and collaboration is embedded in how we work.    
   
Footscray Community Arts will do this by

* Developing consistently strong forms of communication for audiences and artists we work with.
* Invest in and build our relationships with d/Deaf and Disabled Communities.
* Work with d/Deaf and Disabled consultants to evaluate our communication strategies.

**Answer:**

## **Question 9**

Do you have any feedback on our Action Area, *Creativity?*

**CREATIVITY**

We will provide a space for d/Deaf and Disabled artists to be their full artistic selves and create ambitious work. We will ensure our internal processes are accessible and provide tailored and appropriate support for artists.   
   
Footscray Community Arts will do this by

* Improving our project management workflows to embed access at every stage of a project with tangible actions.
* Adjust our internal collaboration processes to be artist-led.

**Answer:**

## **Question 10**

Do you have any feedback on our Action Area, *Experience*?

**EXPERIENCE**  
We will develop a cohesive and consistent approach to delivering accessible experiences for visitors and industry.   
   
Footscray Community Arts will do this by

* Research and implement precinct-wide upgrades to improve the physical accessibility of our venues.
* Ensure our marketing and online experience embeds accessibility across all channels and includes targets to engage with d/Deaf and Disabled communities.

**Answer:**

## **Question 12**

Do you have further feedback that we should consider for our Disability and Inclusion Action Plan?

**Answer:**

Thank you for taking the time providing this feedback.

Please return this form via email, post or by handing it in to reception.

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