

A new national platform for inclusive arts

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Arts Access Victoria is funded to deliver ARTfinder National, an online, searchable platform of accessible arts programs and services connecting people with disability to the arts wherever they live, across all art-forms and without barriers.

Arts Access Victoria is thrilled by the announcement of Minister Fifield and Minister Tehan of funding for the ARTfinder National project. We thank the Ministers and all of the state and territory governments who have contributed funds towards this project, and support for our collective efforts to improve cultural participation by people with disability across Australia <https://www.arts.gov.au/departmental-news/national-arts-and-disability-portal-rollout>. This project is funded as an initiative of the National Arts and Disability Strategy.

The platform allows people with disability to search Australia-wide for arts and cultural programs and services by location, cost, art form and importantly, access needs thereby widening access to and participation in the arts.

ARTfinder National also supports the arts and cultural sector to establish industry benchmarks in accessibility and demonstrates where accessible art is clustered across the country. For organisations, it offers a tool to connect with new audiences, markets and opportunities - promoting the value of arts and culture to support diversity and inclusion.

With the roll out of NDIS, planners and local area co-ordinators will have a one-stop-shop to locate accessible and inclusive arts and cultural programs and facilitate the engagement of people with disability with ease.

We look forward to working with the Arts Access National Network, the Department of Communication and the Arts, and our design partners today over the next two years to deliver this important project.

ARTfinder National builds on the ARTfinder Victoria program developed by Arts Access Victoria. Established in 1974, Arts Access Victoria (AAV) is the peak body for disability in the arts. As a not for profit organisation AAV advocates for inclusion within the arts, valuing the lived experience of people living with disability. To find out more about ARTfinder National visit www.artsaccess.com/artfinder.

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