

DVA Theatre Company Inc.

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Statement of Purposes of the Association

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The primary purpose of DVA Theatre Company Incorporated (the Association) is the promotion of performing arts and community arts. The Association produces new performance-based work made in collaboration by people with an intellectual disability, volunteers and professional artists.

Core activities:

The Association is based in Melbourne's northeast. There is no audition process for joining, making it accessible to a wide range of people. The commitment required is participation in weekly workshops held during school terms, extended to extra workshops and rehearsals in the lead up to performance outcomes. The Association contracts professional artists to work with participants on the development of new performance-based work. A committee of volunteers oversees the Association's operations. The weekly workshops are coordinated by a paid Artistic Director alongside volunteer facilitators. The Association's structure is non-hierarchical and collaboration is encouraged in all of its processes.

Aims and objectives:

- Meet a need within the local community for all people, in particular people with an intellectual disability, to be able to explore and express their creativity.
- Work with professional artists across art forms to harness the abilities and capacities of each participant in the Association.
- Make new performance-based work from the ground up, where participants devise a project and then develop their ideas into a meaningful work of art that is refined and has artistic vision.
- Deliver innovative performance-based works that the general public can attend and that raise awareness of issues facing people with intellectual disabilities.
- Allow the time required and ensure adequate resources are secured to successfully realise the Association's aims and objectives.
- Maintain a safe working environment with projects and programs that are both satisfying and challenging for all involved: participants, artists and volunteers.
- Be driven by a passionate group of volunteers whose skills are appreciated and enhanced.
- Develop the Association's potential to outreach with new projects and programs.