

EXHIBITION PROPOSALS

Information for applicants

The Arts in Health program is an initiative of the Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation run in partnership with the Women's and Children's Health Network. Arts in Health coordinates a changing exhibition program across four galleries located in the Women's and Children's Hospital. The gallery and exhibition program aims to integrate visual arts into the life of the Women's and Children's Hospital to improve people's health and wellbeing. The galleries provide a space away from the stresses of treatment to distract, entertain and inspire, improving the hospital environment.

Exhibition proposals are sought from artists, curators, artist collectives, community groups and organisations.

There are five galleries:

Blue Heart Gallery: Ground Floor Zone A -near Allied Health entrance and Hospital School.

Green Heart Gallery: Level 2 Zone D near Hospital Café – on the way to Women's area.

Pink Heart Gallery: Level 2 Zone D near Hospital Café.

Orange Heart Gallery: Level 1 Zone E – Samuel Way walkway – on the way to the Volunteer's Office.

Yellow Heart Gallery: Level 1 Zone F –past the Queen Victoria Lecture Theatre towards Women's outpatients

Exhibition information:

- The galleries are public, open access spaces where children of all ages frequent for medical, education and health purposes and as such artists will need to consider that people and children cannot choose to 'view or not view' the works when they enter the space.
- Proposed artworks and exhibitions should be appropriate for children, women, families, carers, staff and volunteers from diverse cultural backgrounds.
- All gallery spaces are along the length of one wall in a public corridor of the Women's and Children's Hospital. Artworks must be 2D wall mountable works, be durable and safe for the length of the exhibition, meet relevant safety standards and avoid dangerous protrusions and sharp edges.
- Each gallery space has between 10-20 meters of space and we recommend 8-10 artworks for exhibition
- All artworks are subject to the approval of the Gallery Management Committee and images of nudity and violence will not be displayed nor will images that may shock or offend or are unsuitable for display in a Women's and Children's Hospital.

- The exhibitions change every 6 to 8 weeks on a schedule determined by the Arts Officer in consultation with the artist. If there are particular times when you would be unable to show your proposed exhibition in the next 12 months, please include this information in your application.
- Artists have the option to have their artworks for sale. If works are for sale a 30% commission will be added for the WCH Foundation and will help provide play therapists with arts and craft materials to use with young hospital patients to create art.
- Submissions will be selected based on artistic merit, the perceived benefit to the Hospital community and/or connection of the exhibition concept or artist to the Hospital, and the overall suitability of the work to the arts in a health environment.

For more information about the Gallery and Exhibition Program, please visit:

www.wchfoundation.org.au/galleryprogram

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