



What is Community Cultural Development?

Community Cultural Development (CCD) describes a process rather than an artform. CCD encompasses a range of ideas and practices that can utilise theatre, music, visual arts, multimedia, dance, writing, design and many other forms of cultural expression as a way of allowing communities to express themselves and their identities. As well as producing excellent art, CCD activities lead to other outcomes such as - new relationships are born - existing relationships and identities strengthened - ideas exchanged - partnerships created - social isolation diminished. Sharing ownership of arts projects in the community challenges and stimulates artists as it provides fertile ground for new ways of working and interactions between cultures and sub-cultures. The Australia Council aims to ensure that all Australians can access and participate in the arts. The Community Cultural Development Fund (CCDF) of the Council enables communities to advance in taking an active role in their social and cultural aspirations by working with professional CCD artists and artworkers to express, develop or reclaim their culture, addressing issues of concern through the creation of contemporary artworks that demonstrate the richness and diversity of Australian society.

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