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Putanga Toi ki Aotearoa



# About the Arts For All Network



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# About this Easy Read



This Easy Read is about the **Arts For All Network**.



The **Arts For All Network** is for people who want to make the **arts** more **accessible** for:

- deaf / Deaf people
- disabled people.



The **arts** includes things like:

- music
- painting
- dance
- weaving.





If something is **accessible** it means everyone can:

- use it
- take part.



When you see **we / us / our** it means the **Arts For All Network**.



The Arts For All Network is part of **Arts Access Aotearoa**.



**Arts Access Aotearoa** is an organisation that supports people so they can be part of the arts including:

- disabled people
- Deaf communities
- mental health communities.



# What is the Arts For All Network?



The Arts For All Network is led by Katie.

Katie is:



- the Arts For All Activator – Whakahoehe a Toi Ōritetanga
- a disabled person.



The Arts For All Network has about 1 thousand members around Aotearoa New Zealand.



We:

- give information to support organisations to make their accessibility better
- visit arts communities in Aotearoa New Zealand
- connect Arts For All Network members to each other.



Some members belong to arts organisations like:

- theatres
- festivals
- galleries which are where people can look at art
- festivals.





Some members work for places that do some work in the arts like:

- local councils
- accessibility service providers
- disabled persons organisations.



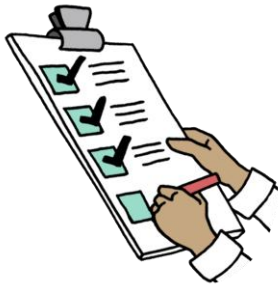
Some members are people who work on their own in the arts like artists.



The Arts For All Network brings Deaf and disabled people together with **allies** to:

- connect
- share
- learn.





Here **allies** means non-disabled people who:

- want to support Deaf and disabled people
  
- and
  
- are working on making accessibility in the arts better.

# How to join the Arts For All Network

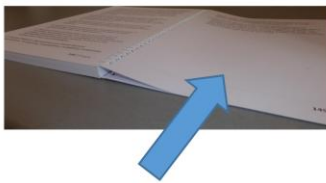


It does not cost any money to be part of the Arts For All Network.

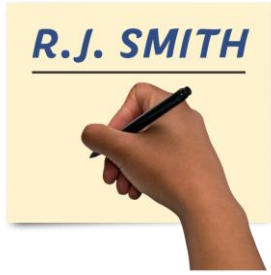


You can join using:

- the form on our website
- email
- phone.



All the information on how to get in touch with us is on **page 17**.



When you ask to join please tell us:

- your name
- what part of Aotearoa New Zealand you live in
- if you are part of an organisation tell us what it is
- your job or what kind of art you do.

## In-person hui / meetings



We visit different places around Aotearoa New Zealand to have in-person hui / meetings.



At the hui / meetings Arts For All Network members:

- talk about the work they do for arts accessibility
- ask questions
- get to know other members.



At the hui / meetings there might be:

- someone giving a talk
- a slideshow.



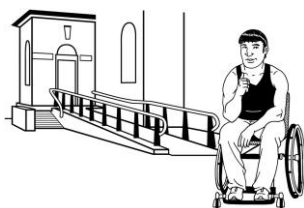
At the hui / meetings there is a break in the middle for:



- snacks
- drinks.



We invite members to in-person hui / meetings by email.



All in-person hui / meetings are in spaces that are wheelchair accessible.



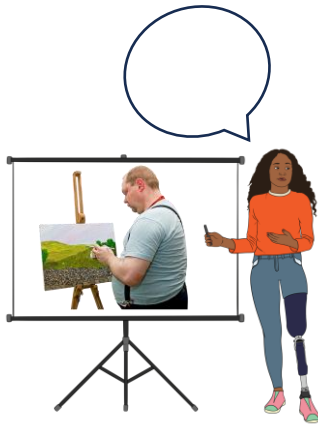
Members are welcome to bring their:

- support person
- service dog.





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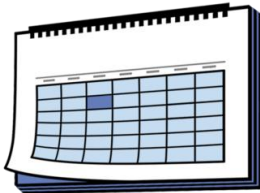
Slideshows will be described so blind  
and low vision people can follow what  
is on the screen like the:

- images
- words.

# Online hui / meetings



You can join us for our online hui / meetings if you live anywhere in Aotearoa New Zealand.



Our online hui / meetings happen at least once a month.



The online hui / meetings might have:

- guests who talk to members about interesting things they are doing
- members:
  - sharing what they know
  - learning from each other.



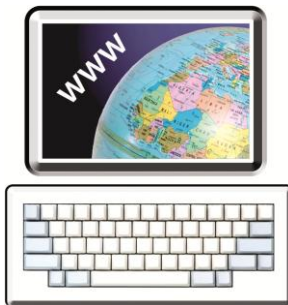


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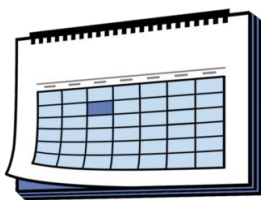
Information about the online  
hui / meetings can be found:

- at the start of the Arts For All  
Network newsletter



- on our **website**:

**[www.artsaccess.org.nz](http://www.artsaccess.org.nz)**



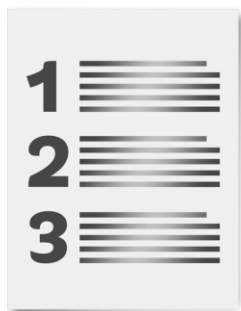
The Arts For All Network newsletter:

- comes out every month
- has information about  
hui / meetings happening:



- online
- in-person.





The Arts For All Network newsletter also has:

- notes about what happened at the last online hui / meeting

- arts accessibility:



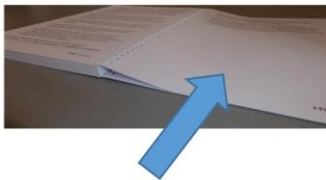
- tips which are easy things to do to make things more accessible
- information.

# Talk to us 1 on 1



Network members can ask us questions about arts accessibility by:

- phone
- email
- video call.



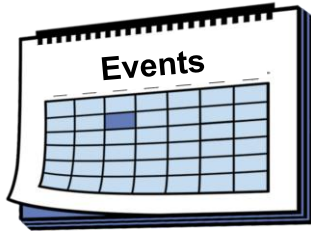
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We can help you **promote** your accessible arts event.



Here **promote** means to advertise / tell people about something happening.



You can ask us to:

- share your event on the Arts  
Access Aotearoa events calendar
- share the event on our social  
media
- write a story about your art for  
our members to read.



## How to get in touch with us



You can **email** the Arts For All Network at:

**[afa@artsaccess.org.nz](mailto:afa@artsaccess.org.nz)**

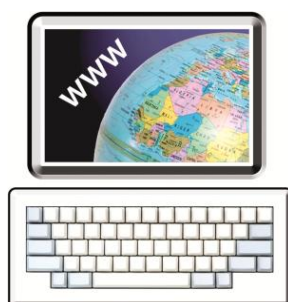


You can **phone** us on:

**04 802 4349**



It may cost you money to phone this number.



Our **website** is at:

**[www.artsaccess.org.nz](http://www.artsaccess.org.nz)**



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