# Draft Guiding Principles for the Australian Code of Conduct for Access in the Arts

Arts Access Australia is currently seeking public input for Phase 1 of developing an Australian Code of Conduct for Access in the Arts (Code of Conduct). Phase 1 aims to create sector agreement on a set of Guiding Principles for the Code of Conduct. These are the guiding principles that organisations must agree to when signing up to the Code of Conduct.

Changes and feedback on these guiding principles are being sought now, as part of Phase 1 of our public consultation process. You can find out more about this public consultation process at www.artsaccessaustralia.org/CodeOfConduct

**Draft Guiding Principles**

Please note: This is a draft set of principles. These principles can change to reflect the needs of our community.

1. We respect and comply with anti-discrimination laws, and the need to eliminate ableism, in everything we do
2. We embed the social model of disability, cultural safety, authenticity, and creative control for Deaf and Disabled people, in our policies and organisational activities
3. We create equitable, sustainable and meaningful training, employment, leadership, and professional development opportunities for diverse Deaf and Disabled people in the arts
4. We provide accessible, accurate and timely information to facilitate informed consent, inclusive participation, and informed decision-making by everyone we engage with
5. We remove barriers for audience with access requirements, fostering inclusive environments and equal opportunities to participate in and enjoy the arts
6. We recognise Deaf and Disabled artists and arts workers as important cultural assets in Australia, prioritising involvement in new creative projects
7. We include representation of Deaf and Disabled artists on screen, stage, online, museums, galleries and all other spaces within the arts landscape, respecting also intersectionality and First People’s protocols
8. We are respectful allies, working to increase the choice and control of Deaf and Disabled people. We do this through real partnerships, respectful relationships and facilitating appropriate support

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