

Are you an urban artist or do you want to be?

The benefits of urban art

Urban Artists play one of the most vital roles throughout any urban art project. The participants will be looking to you as a role-model and as such, it is vital that you are role-modelling appropriate behaviours.

As an urban artist you are given a great deal of implied credibility and honour when you are commissioned to undertake work. In addition to gaining respect from less experienced artists, each contracted piece of art can contribute to building an impressive portfolio of work.

Many urban artists enjoy working with young people, and find it refreshing to work with a group of creative people who are not limited by self consciousness.

There are some instances where urban artists have previously practiced their talents without the permission of the property owner. When commissioned to undertake legal work, it is important that your personal connections do not impact on the longevity of the art piece.

Other reasons for you to participate in urban art projects include:

- Can build career sustainability;
- Interest in sharing knowledge with others; and
- Enhance feeling of community

IMPORTANT NOTE: to work with children under the age of 18 you must have a Working with Children Check www.checkwwc.wa.gov.au

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Professional associations such as; Artsource, Community Arts Network WA, Propel Youth Arts and Artrage are membership organisations that provide advice on such things as contracts and rates of pay, as well as other services to professional artists. Some, including Artsource, have employment services for professional artists presenting future work opportunities.

Other Resources

Artsource

www.artsource.net.au

Community Arts Network WA

www.canwa.com.au/

Propel Youth Arts

www.propel.org.au

Artrage

www.artrage.com

WorkSafe WA Smart move website:

<http://www.worksafe.wa.gov.au/smartmove/index.htm>

Copyright and intellectual property:

Artists in the Black: Intellectual Property and Copyright–

<http://www.aitb.com.au/information-sheets/entry/solid-arts-introduction-to-intellectual-property>

Taxation

Artslaw Centre of Australia online -

<http://www.artslaw.com.au/legalinformation/Taxation/>