

L'Arche Adelaide E-News

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Art Project Update

As mentioned in our last newsletter a few months ago we've received \$15,000 from a supportive donor organisation to be used to develop

an art project that will eventually lead to an exhibition(s) of the artwork of L'Arche Adelaide members and friends, and possibly others with disabilities from the wider community.

A recent development has been the appointment of an art project steering committee to progress the project. The committee has six members, four with experience in art. Amongst these members there is experience in disability and exhibiting. The other two are board members, Norelle Pearce and Trevor Whitney. By the time you read this the committee will already have met twice. The Board, in cooperation with the committee, are developing a project theme, and developing aims and objectives around which the project will evolve. Other issues being presently addressed include project coordination, as well as a timeline. At this stage it looks like the project will commence either later this year or early next. It's quite likely that we will exhibit around Spring 2026.

Let us know if you would like to assist with this project in any way, which will include help with the coordination of art workshops. If you have a family member or friend with an intellectual disability, this project may be an opportunity for them to contribute their artistic talent. Please contact Trevor Whitney: trevor.whitney@larche.org.au or Ph 0403 711 653.



Cameron and Mark with Mark's entry into the 'A celebration of Hope' Art Exhibition.

National Listening & Speaking Group (NLSG)

Both Mark Tanner (and Mum, Jan) and Cameron Bradshaw recently participated in the NLSG meeting held in Melbourne. Representatives from all Australian L'Arche communities met in Melbourne to contribute to the planning and direction for L'Arche Australia. Well done to Mark and Cameron who both made well-received presentations at the meeting. Thanks to Shelley for ensuring L'Arche Adelaide members participate in this biannual event. The next NLSG meeting will be in late November.



Discussions at NLSG Meeting

Recent gatherings ...

Back in June we participated in a worship service with our St Francis of Assisi Anglican friends. Thanks to Mel for coordinating our participation. After the service we shared brunch, followed by a community forum which included a productive art project discussion.

In July we had fun bowling at Zone Bowling on Cross Rd. Some of us even got strikes! and some of us were grateful we had bumpers on the lanes! Always popular!



In early August we enjoyed a shared meal & movie night at Dinwoodie House. 'Matilda' was the chosen movie. We also celebrated L'Arche's 61st birthday with a reflection and cake. Thanks to Jenni, Laura, Mark and the LDS staff for their welcome and hospitality.

Prayer Points

All-embracing God, we offer prayers for:

- L'Arche La Ferme in Trosly, France, the spiritual home of L'Arche, which is closing its doors as a Retreat Centre, and developing new ministry options.
- the national leadership exercised by National Leader, Claire Lawler, & L'Arche Australia Board Chairperson, Philomena Barrington.
- L'Arche National's newly appointed Communication and Social Media Coordinator, Essa Chahine.
- Dinwoodie house staff from Lutheran Disability Services in their care of our core members Mark, Laura and Jenni.
- those working to develop L'AAAd's art project, and all those with intellectual disability who will contribute their art.

..... O Lord, hear our prayer. **Amen**

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Contributions are welcome

Bi-monthly Prayer

L'Arche Australia's

online time of quiet reflection and prayer
is held on the **first** and **third Thursday**
of each month at 6:30 PM SA time

The Zoom link is the same every month:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82643471339>

Passcode: prayer

All Welcome - Join Anytime

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