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# L'Arche Adelaide E-News

April 2026



## Art Project Update

Our community Art Project is in full swing!

Our first workshop happened at our January Community Weekend at St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church. Laura, Mark and Jenny from Dinwoodie took part, along with valued

contributions from Adam, Cameron and newcomer, Nukhba. Some beautiful paintings were produced, such as the one by Cam above.

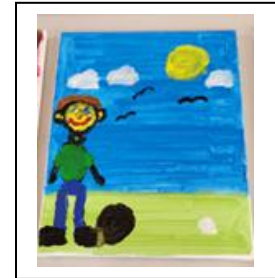
A big thanks to Rob for leading the January workshop. Along with a Shout for Joy workshop at Adelaide West Uniting Church on Saturday May 16, our country member, Eleanor Parkes, is organising a Yorke Peninsula workshop at Minlaton over April 7 & 21, which is great news.

The following are Cameron's thoughts on our January workshop:

*"On Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> – Sunday January 18<sup>th</sup> we had our annual L'Arche Adelaide Community Weekend at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church.*

*One of the activities we did as part of the community weekend on the Saturday was having an Art Workshop at St. Francis where we all painted a picture of our favorite place on a canvas. I painted a picture of me playing lawn bowls, which is an activity that I enjoy. This was a terrific opportunity for everybody to use their imagination and use their amazing art skills. Everybody did an outstanding job at painting their favourite place. Some of the canvas paintings that were done at the L'Arche Community Weekend will be on display at an Art Exhibition in August.*

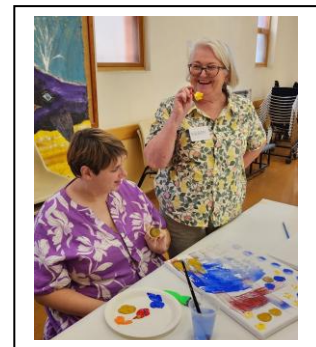
*Well done everybody on your excellent work. You should all be very proud of yourselves."*



Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would like to attend one of the next painting workshops for budding artists; email [larchadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:larchadelaide@gmail.com)

- Tues April 21@ Minlaton, Yorke Peninsula
- Sat May 16 @ Adelaide West Uniting Church, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Brooklyn Park

For those who can't or don't want to attend a group workshop we're happy to make available art materials for people to complete their art works privately.



We will be receiving paintings from four interstate L'Arche communities, Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Bendigo, which is much appreciated. 😊

Our first art exhibition, which will be a part of South Australian Living Artists (SALA) Festival, will be held in August 2026 at Pilgrim Uniting Church in the city. There will be an official opening on Friday evening, July 31. More details closer to the time.

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. Let us know. Please contact us at [larchadelaide@gmail.com](mailto:larchadelaide@gmail.com) and we will respond.

## National Listening & Speaking Group (NLSG)

Both Mark Tanner (and Mum, Jan) and Cameron Bradshaw will continue to participate in L'Arche's NLSG. The first of two meetings scheduled for 2026 will be held in May in Hobart. Mark and Cameron are presently preparing their presentation related to the Adelaide community. Thanks, Mark and Cameron for your ongoing commitment. Thanks, Shelley, for her ongoing assistance with this important national activity. The NLSG advises the L'Arche Australia Board on planning and direction for the organisation, and its members meet twice a year.



## Community Weekend – January 2026



At our 2026 community weekend on January 17-18 at St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church, we held a range of activities. Apart from the painting workshop in which five core members, and a newcomer, participated, we also held our AGM, cooking and drama workshops, Saturday evening BBQ and games, Sunday morning

worship with the St Francis congregation, and a PowerPoint presentation celebrating a year in the life of our Dinwoodie



House members. A big thanks to the organising committee, our catering coordinator and everyone who helped out before and during the weekend! 🍷🍷 Lovely to welcome those who we haven't seen for a while and our regulars 🥰 More photos on our Facebook site at <https://www.facebook.com/larheadelaide/>

## Election Day Stall

On the recent election day, March 21, we held a stall at St Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in which a variety of items were up for sale, including vegetables, flowers, books, CDs and knitted wear. We raised \$225. Thanks to all who contributed items and / or tended to the stall on the day. Thanks also to St Francis for allowing us to hold the stall on their property.



## Mission Planning: 2026-2028

At the next community forum on May 31 we will begin the process of developing a new Mission Plan to take us forward from 2026–2028. Discussion will include what type of missional / wider community identity we will assume given that we no longer have the responsibility of managing a community house. If you have any ideas about this or

other community priorities, please let one of the board members know. For your information, a copy of the 2024–2026 Mission Plan has been made available via email.

## Tax-Deductible Donations

As reported in this newsletter, L'Arche Adelaide members Mark Tanner (and Mum, Jan) and Cameron Bradshaw will continue to participate in the National Listening & Speaking Group (NLSG) meetings in 2026. The participants all enjoyed the experience of attending & it assists in their ongoing development.

L'Arche Adelaide contributes to the costs of the airfares, catering & accommodation for these people to attend which amounts to \$2800 for each event.

We rely on donations from other members to support these initiatives.

***Please consider making a tax-deductible donation to assist in this ongoing ministry. Thank you!***

For further information, contact our Honorary Treasurer, Mel Zerner:

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**Direct deposits to: L'Arche Adelaide Inc. BSB: 105-010 Account No: 136892540**

## Prayer Points

***All-embracing God, we offer prayers for:***

- Concerning our art project, we uphold core members from our community and those from interstate communities – namely Perth, Melbourne, Brisbane and Bendigo – who are enthusiastically creating artworks to be exhibited later in the year.
- We give thanks for valuable links we are developing with kindred disability groups from the wider community, namely Lutheran Disability Services, whose staff manage our Dinwoodie House, and David Bailey and the Shout for Joy people from Adelaide West Uniting Church, who have willingly agreed to host an art workshop at their church on May 16.
- We uphold core members Mark, Laura and Jenni who live in our Dinwoodie house, as well as core members in all L'Arche community houses across Australia ... ***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**