

Cultural Development Network

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Homelessness & Cultural Democracy

Social inclusion through cultural participation

Thursday 27th November, 2008

City Library Seminar Room
Flinders Street, Melbourne
2 – 5pm FREE

Homelessness can be understood as an 'inadequate experience of connectedness with family and or community' and is not determined only by an individual's status of housing.

Taking a broad definition of homelessness, this half day forum brings together a range of stakeholders, including arts and community workers, artists, local government, and people who have experienced homelessness to discuss ways in which social inclusion through cultural participation can impact on the lives of homeless individuals and families.



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Join Panellists and audience members to discuss and debate ways to facilitate the inclusion of homeless individuals and families in Victoria's cultural life. This half day forum will provide an opportunity for discussion about the right of homeless individuals and families to participate in the cultural life of the community and the city as part of that support.

A panel of speakers will address the barriers that exist and the solutions that need to be expanded or developed for the future, rights to access and broadening access, and mainstream platforms and opportunities for marginalized art and artists.

Panellists:

Deb Tsorbaris – Council to Homeless Persons

Mari Lourey – Big Issue

Nanette Mitchell – City of Melbourne

Kiera McDonald – Ozanam Community Centre

Jim and Dale - Roominations DJs, 3CR

Rebecca Lister – Arts and Culture Coordinator, Artful Dodgers, Jesuit Social Services

Facilitator: John Smithies

Followed by drinks and nibbles. Please RSVP to rsvp@culturaldevelopment.net.au

Homelessness and Cultural Democracy - an exhibition of photographic and digital work is on display in the City Library Projection Space, in the foyer of the City Library on Flinders St, from November 16th – 30th

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