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## ArtStart Youth Arts Skills Funding Closes May 14

Arts OutWest and Orana Arts have received funding from TAFE NSW Access and General Education Curriculum Centre to co-ordinate ArtStart NSW Youth Arts Skills.

ArtStart offers a way of funding workshops and events that bring professional arts makers and young people together to share skills. Programs will also be fully supported by the ArtStart Coordinator and a project steering committee for the region.

Expressions of interest are being sought from community organisations and youth officers in eligible local government areas to run projects. Organisations are encouraged to work together on ideas and submissions.

ArtStart aims to:

- Increase awareness of arts and cultural activities beyond the school environment.
- Provide opportunities for youth to experience working with professional artists and celebrate outcomes within regional community festivals.
- Assist young people in developing self esteem by engaging them in broader educational learning and community activities.

Arts OutWest's 11 contributing local government areas include: Bathurst Region, Blayney, Cabonne, Cowra, Forbes, Lachlan, Lithgow, Oberon, Orange, Parkes and Wellington.

ArtStart programs across the Arts OutWest and Orana regions may be showcased at the youth focused circus and physical theatre festival, Catapult, in Bathurst, September 13-17, 2007.

All groups are reminded that applications close Monday May 14. Application forms and guidelines can be found at [www.artsoutwest.com.au](http://www.artsoutwest.com.au)

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