



## MEDIA RELEASE

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# **New Executive Officer for Arts OutWest**

Arts OutWest Inc, the regional arts board of Central West NSW, has appointed Ms Tracey Callinan as its new Executive Officer.

Ms Callinan has just returned to Australia from a four year stay in the UK working for Arts Council England, where she worked on their national arts and education program Creative Partnerships as a Creative Programmer and then as a Creative Director.

Ms Callinan, from Goulburn, has an affinity with the Central West, having lived in Canowindra as a child. She has already made Bathurst, where the Arts OutWest office is based, her new home.

Ms Callinan said she was excited to be moving back to the region and taking on a key arts role.

"I am committed to regional arts and welcome the opportunity to be based in the Central West and to work across the region," she said. "I'm enjoying getting to know the people, the organisations, the programs and the priorities for the region."

Arts OutWest Chair Brandon Wilson said that Arts OutWest was "lucky to have on board an arts professional with such a range and depth of experience and with a passion for community arts and regional development."

Arts OutWest promotes, facilitates, educates and advocates for arts and cultural development for the communities of the Central West of New South Wales, servicing the 12 local government areas of Lachlan, Parkes, Forbes, Cabonne, Orange, Wellington, Blayney, Cowra, Mid-Western Region, Bathurst Region, Oberon and Lithgow.

Arts OutWest is the oldest of the state's 13 regional arts boards, established in 1974. It also services one of the largest regional populations of just over 200,000 people.

The role of Executive Officer at Arts OutWest was previously held by Hannah Semler, who after seven years in the job has moved into a development role with Arts ACT in Canberra.

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**Ms Callinan is available for interviews.**

Image attached: Tracey Callinan, new Executive Officer and Regional Arts Development Officer of Arts OutWest Inc.