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New mentoring program for creative Central West people

Arts OutWest is giving three people involved in the arts from the Central West the opportunity to be mentored by an expert in their field.

Whether you are a community volunteer needing more guidance on how to deliver projects more effectively, or a professional wanting assistance in moving your arts business up a level, these mentorships are an opportunity to develop your skills, your connections and your practice.

“Whilst there are focussed training programs available for people in the arts, it has been my experience that one-on-one time with an industry role model is often more suitable and can be of huge benefit,” says Arts OutWest Executive Officer Tracey Callinan.

Selected mentors will be given an introductory session with Arts OutWest on how to make the most of the mentoring program. Arts OutWest will then broker the right mentor for each participant, someone the mentoree wants to work with.

The local participants will then have time with their chosen mentor, usually two days, either as block time or divided up into short sessions.

Ms Callinan said Arts OutWest was open to all sorts of arts and creative industry people applying.

Whilst the funding for this first round of the program is small, it will cover costs such as the mentor’s travel and some of the participant’s travel costs as well as a fee for the mentor’s time.

This program has been made possible through funding by Arts Training NSW. There is no cost to the participants being mentored.

Anyone interested in being a part of the mentorship program should fill out an Expression of Interest and send it in to Arts OutWest by September 14.

Expressions of interest forms can be downloaded from:

<http://www.artsoutwest.org.au/Mentorships.pdf>

or call Arts OutWest on 6338 4657.