



Information Pack

Mission Statement: to increase self-confidence, self-belief and self-esteem in the lives of people with disability by providing innovative, flexible and high quality support and opportunities.

Dream to Create provides a Creative Person Centred Program (day options program) for people with disabilities. The program is exclusively an Art and Craft Program which makes learning, painting, drawing, photography, sculpting and creating fun. The program is designed to help people with disabilities develop creative thought, inspire imagination, encourage self expression and foster artistic potential. Our participants will discover the world of art through a variety of themes and mediums.

We will provide opportunities for the increased development of fine and gross motor skills, communication, social skills and skills of independence. Individual goals, developmental needs and interests are taken into consideration when planning the art and craft sessions so that everyone gets the maximum benefit from the program. Every participant will be encouraged to develop skills of independence by being involved in the art based activities as much as possible and by attending to their own self care as much as possible. They will have opportunities to practice skills and to socialise with their peers.

Staffing will be based on the participants individual needs and at least one Support Facilitator will be on duty each day. To assist in building networks for our participants we will have regular guest visitors such as local artists, authors, cooking experts, musicians and other professionals.

Participant health and well-being is also an important factor in the support we provide. We will have regular breaks each day that encompass exercise and fun physical activities. As wonderful as Arts and Crafts are we also incorporate community activities with excursions into the community. These may be art related such as visits to the art gallery but can also be leisure activities such as bowling, the movies, concerts and lunch out.

Dream to Create has a shop front where participants artworks can be sold for the participants on a commission basis. The shop front will also sell products made from reproductions of the artworks such as cards, tea towels, mugs and souvenir products of the local area. Any participant artworks used will be paid for and all items made by participants will be identified as being made by them to the customer. All participants, that wish to, will have the opportunity to work in the shopfront. They will meet community members and be involved in all aspect of the sale of items, such as customer queries and processing sales.

All art supplies will be provided by Dream to Create with the commission and sales from the store front providing the revenue to be able to do this. Occasionally the participant may be required to make a contribution to activities if these are of a substantially higher cost. The majority of the time the only cost to the participant will be for their own meals, except where the days activity is cooking. Participants will be required to bring their own lunches and snacks or they can purchase lunches via lunch orders from the OK Pie shop, with all tea, coffee and drinking water supplied by Dream to Create. Outings to pubs or restaurants will be offered regularly at the participants expense. Personal items such as incontinence aids, menstrual aids and specialised equipment (walking frames, walking sticks, wheelchairs etc) will be supplied by the participant.

Dream to Create will provide an Art based Program to support adults with disabilities. This can be for one or more days a week and can be for all levels of disability including people with complex needs (depending on the level of credentialing requirements for staff). Dream to Create's Creative Person Centred Program operates from 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. Children's Art Programs are available Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm to 6:30pm. Staff will assist participants with all aspects of the program as well as their personal care, all medication requirements, mealtime management (specialised meal requirements) as required, and provide opportunities for skills development. The service will assist the participant to progress with their NDIS goals and provide person centred individualised support to do this.

Each participant will have a three week trial period on commencing the program. This allows the participant to experience the program and then make a decision on whether it fits their likes and interests. It also allows for Dream To Create to determine if the support needs can be provided adequately for each individual.

People requiring support from Dream to Create will need to have a current NDIS Plan that has sufficient CORE funding that is Plan Managed or Self-Managed, unless the participant wishes to self fund their support. Cost for all services are based on the current NDIS price guide and will change inline with updates to the NDIS Price Guide.

The address for the centre is 97 Commercial Street West and is in the heart of the city centre.

OUR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

✓ To provide people with disabilities a quality service that will allow them practical, beneficial and unique alternatives to day options. We will provide a structured program based on art and holistic well-being. This will also allow participants families/carers to have breaks from their caring role and/or carry out their own employment opportunities

✓ To provide people with disabilities with a service that will allow them to gain skills in a community setting, while having fun. We will also provide opportunities for our participants to develop their creativity, confidence, problem solving, perseverance, focus, communication, collaboration, independent skills and to develop their social skills.

✓ Each participants experience will be tailored to their individual needs, abilities and interests.

✓ To make the experiences positive ones for all participants.

✓ To be the best quality provider of options for daytime activities for people with disabilities.

✓ To provide children with Art Programs after school hours and/or through the school holidays that provide opportunities for fine and gross motor skills development, social skills development, increase friendship circles and enhance independent skills development

✓ To have a shop front that sells the participants artworks and products that have reproductions of client artworks, and other souvenir products so that participants have little to no out of pocket expenses, and for them to be paid for their artworks, and to have their talent and abilities recognised.

✓ To have staff that are knowledgeable, experienced, qualified and are able to manage change; who are creative, compassionate, empathetic, and detail oriented.

✓ To ensure all staff have up to date DCSI Screening and that this is kept updated according to legislative requirements.

✓ To maintain all necessary training for all staff and to have this updated annually, or as necessary.

✓ To have guest local artists attend on regular basis to build networks, assist participants with developing techniques in particular mediums and to provide advice, support and encouragement to the participants.

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