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Warehouse Gallery helps disadvantaged artists to belong and thrive

UnitingCare West (UCW) is preparing to launch its new initiative – The Warehouse Gallery; an inclusive gallery space that provides a platform for emerging artists experiencing disadvantage to display their artwork.

“The purpose of The Warehouse Gallery is to provide genuine opportunity for emerging artists experiencing disadvantage due to a combination of economic and locational circumstances and/or social exclusion to be part of the local art scene and provide a sense of achievement, pride and belonging,” said UnitingCare West CEO Sue Ash AO.

There is a particular emphasis on providing opportunity for those artists who have not previously exhibited in a public space.

A launch event will take place on Tuesday 1 March at UCW’s The Warehouse Café in Shenton Park.

Each exhibition will last between six and eight weeks, commencing with an opening night show. All works will be for sale with proceeds going towards the artists sustaining the gallery. The first exhibition will run from 1 March until 22 April, and will show work from John Verjans, Salvatore Furfaro, Jacob Lukatelich, Clive Coccender and Lynne Buckley.

The project has been made possible through a City of Subiaco Community Development Grant. City of Subiaco Mayor Heather Henderson will officially open The Warehouse Gallery.

“The City of Subiaco is proud to support UnitingCare West. The city is committed to equal opportunity and inclusion, and The Warehouse Gallery is a fantastic initiative that aims to improve the wellbeing of people experiencing disadvantage through creative expression, and a great opportunity for them to showcase their artwork and share it with the community. I look forward to seeing the artworks on display,” said Mayor Henderson.



All media are invited to attend the launch event. There will be opportunities to interview artists whose artwork is on display.

Event Details

Date: Tuesday 1 March 2016

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: The Warehouse Café – 221 Onslow Rd, Shenton Park

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About UnitingCare West

UnitingCare West touches the lives of over 30,000 individuals and families each year. With 300 staff members and over 300 volunteers, UnitingCare West is a community service agency that has a mission to support, serve and empower those most in need. UCW operates over 35 community service programs from 17 sites across Perth, reaching as far North as Merriwa and as far south as Great Southern, in the areas of community housing, accommodation, homelessness, family support, mental health and disability services. UnitingCare West's clients include those in the community experiencing financial hardship, domestic violence, child abuse trauma, mental health issues and disability to name a few.