Sally Francis

Sally Francis is Arts Coordinator, Arts in Health at FMC, Flinders Medical Centre (SA), which integrates arts into the daily life of the hospital and enhances FMC’s role as a leading health-promoting hospital. Arts in Health at FMC has been operating since 1996 and is one of the largest and most well-regarded hospital-based arts in health programs in Australia, known nationally and internationally for high quality and innovative programming.

Sally trained as a nurse in the UK and has a background in community health, visual arts practice and arts management. She is a keen advocate for developing state-based government support for arts in health and promotes the inclusion of hospital-based arts in health programs throughout hospitals in Australia. She has presented widely at conferences both in Australia and overseas.

She is a Director of the national Arts and Health Foundation, member of the Steering Committee of the Womens’ and Childrens’ Hospital Arts in Health program (Adelaide) and member of the Global Alliance for Arts in Health (US). In 2007 she was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to travel to the UK and Ireland to study hospital-based arts in health programs. In 2008 she assisted SA Health with the development of the South Australian Arts and Health Partnership Agreement and is currently working on the development of the national Arts in Health policy framework, led by SA Health and Arts SA.