Jenine Mackay

Jenine Mackay is a Victoria College of the Arts Drama School graduate and has extensive skills and experience in the performing arts and community arts and cultural development practice. Jenine’s background in the performing arts includes as a dancer, actor, artistic director and performance skills mentor. Jenine has worked in the youth arts sector since 1991 managing and delivering circus, visual and performance programs and developed distinctive works of quality, innovation and collaboration with, by, and for young people in WA and the NT. Her work in WA includes developing intra and inter-regional arts projects and an international cultural exchange program with South African-based dance artists and youth mentoring programs.

Jenine has worked in the NT since 1999, together with her colleague Virginia Heydon, to develop both InCite Youth Arts and Arts Access Central Australia to ensure the deep roots and solid foundations of inclusive and accessible community arts practice not only endure but flourish prolifically in the central desert region.

Jenine is the Executive Director of InCite Youth Arts and has been in this role since 2005. She has been a board member of Arts Access Australia, the peak national arts and disability organisation, since 2008 and is currently the Chairperson.

Jenine has played an instrumental role in developing the partnership with the Mt Theo program to enable access to arts engagement by Warlpiri young people, women and their communities through the Red Sand Culture and the Southern Ngalia projects.