

Maz McGann

Maz McGann has worked with communities for over 15 years, starting off in community centres developing adult community education programs that focused on skills development and social inclusion. Ten years with local government followed working in regional Victoria and South Australia developing and leading a range of community cultural development programs and community-based services from large-scale events and exhibitions to more discreet artist development and community engagement programs. From 2009 until early 2014 Maz was with the Barossa Council, managing their Regional Gallery, Library Services, Home Assist and Community Transport, Leisure Options Programs for people with disabilities, Youth Services and Volunteering. More recently, Maz has enjoyed working with a range of broader sector-based organisations in both a paid and voluntary capacity, including the Regional Galleries Association SA, the Creative Communities Network and Creating Australia, the national peak body for community arts and cultural development, where she was CEO for a period of time. Maz is now working part time for the Institute for Creative Health as their Director Special Projects and runs her own community and cultural development consultancy called Play Your Part. Her general approach is that most people want to be more than just spectators and she strives to develop programs and initiatives which encourage people to get involved and play a part in fostering connections with their own culture and values and contributing to the broader community.