

Christine Putland

Christine Putland is a consultant specialising in research and evaluation of arts and cultural initiatives designed to improve public health and wellbeing. She has a background spanning community arts, public policy, and public health fields. Her qualifications include an Honours degree from the Flinders University Drama Centre, DipEd in Drama and English teaching from Sydney University, a Masters and PhD from the Flinders Institute for Public Policy and Management. Christine worked in community development and community services management in local government and non-government organisations within SA and NSW for more than a decade. She later joined the Department of Public Health at Flinders University as manager of a research consultancy for the Commonwealth Government. Having completed her PhD in 1999, Christine then taught graduate programs in Public Health and Primary Health Care, was an investigator on nationally competitive ARC and NHMRC research grants, and convened national training programs for health and arts practitioners in evaluation and research methods. Since 2007 she has focused on researching arts and health, while retaining academic status at Flinders University. She is currently involved in research and evaluation in relation to several major arts and cultural initiatives in rural and remote South Australia.