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New partnership to put the creative talents of Activ artists on show at major exhibition

Activ is proud to announce a new partnership with As We Are – a prestigious State-wide exhibition and awards program that showcases the talents of Western Australian artists living with intellectual disability.

Established in 2002, As We Are is overseen by a panel of independent, professional visual artists, with cash prizes awarded in seven categories. Each year, As We Are draws an exceptionally high standard of work from artists across WA, showcasing these talents with an exhibition at [Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre](#).

Activ has a long history of celebrating its customers' creative talents through its popular Artspace exhibition. While Artspace will not take place in 2020, Activ's new partnership with As We Are presents an exciting opportunity for its customers' artwork to be displayed in a major, high profile exhibition that will be seen by thousands of visitors.

Activ Chief Executive Officer Danielle Newport said the decision to partner with As We Are was consciously made to support and encourage its customers' participation in a public forum. "The opportunity for our customers to participate in a high-profile event such as As We Are strongly aligns with our commitment to providing pathways to independence," Ms Newport said. "We have some talented artists, and this will provide an opportunity to develop their art career." As We Are coordinator Susie Waller said the initiative was originally inspired by a belief in equal opportunities for artists of all abilities. She said As We Are was very excited to partner with Activ in 2020, as an organisation that promoted its customers' independence in all areas, including their creative endeavours.

"We recognise that Activ is highly committed to its artists and supporting them to showcase and sell their artwork in a premier arts event," Ms Waller said.

"As We Are provides artists with such an opportunity, attracting more than 150 Western Australian artists with intellectual disability from around the State.

The As We Are 2020 exhibition will take place from 8 – 22 November at Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre's level 2 main foyer.

More information about As We Are is available on the As We Are [website](#).

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About Activ

Activ is the largest disability support provider in Western Australia. We provide individualised services for people living with intellectual disability. We offer services in accommodation, community, employment, training and education, short-term accommodation and behaviour support. Activ was founded in 1951 by a group of families who wanted more for their children who lived with disability and had become marginalised by society. Today, we support more than 1,900 individuals and their families across WA.

For more information visit www.activ.asn.au

Important Information

When referring to people with disability, we ask that you use the term 'living with disability', rather than 'disabled person' or 'the disabled'. The term 'Supported Employee' is used when referring to an Activ employee living with a disability. The term 'customer' is used to refer to a person living with disability that Activ supports.