Culture in the Community:
Indicators of Arts, Culture and Heritage in Australia

This webinar will discuss the importance arts, culture and heritage in the creation of vibrant communities, and available indicators/data sources to measure their impact and influence. Speakers will include Dr Kim Dunphy from the Cultural Development Network, Lisa Conolly from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, and Leigh Tabrett former Director of Arts Queensland.

Dr Kim Dunphy Research Program Manager, Cultural Development Network will present the features of a new prototype on-line system of data collection for the cultural development sector of local government. This is being created by the Cultural Development Network in Victoria, in response to its work with the National Local Government Cultural Forum. The system seeks to address this identified need for data, and also provide information to support evidence-based planning and indicators to measure outcomes.

Lisa Conolly Director Rural and Regional Statistics, Australian Bureau of Statistics, will present an overview of key culture statistics produced by the ABS, and discuss how data are relevant to assessing "public value". Data are used to gauge the size and scope of the culture industries, and their contribution to the economy. There are good reasons to provide such measures, but Lisa will reflect on what else matters. Are there other ways to assess public value and what does that mean anyway? Lisa will reflect on her time as manager of the culture statistics program from 2003 - 2008.

Leigh Tabrett former Director of Arts Queensland will speak about her involvement in Vital Signs, Cultural Indicators for Australia: a set of national indicators developed to measure the health and vitality of Australian culture. Leigh will speak about the imperatives for that project, the extent to which they were fulfilled, and the next stages for its development. She will also discuss key public policy questions about arts and cultural policy, including the vexed issue of measuring culture and its value. Leigh is the former head of Arts Queensland, and chair of the Statistics Working Group of the Cultural Ministers Council.

Date: Tuesday 10th June, 2014
Venue: National Offices of the Australian Bureau of Statistics in Capital Cities
Time: 1.00pm to 3.00pm in Melbourne, Sydney, Hobart, Canberra and Brisbane
12.30pm to 2.30pm in Adelaide and Darwin
11.00am to 1.00pm in Perth

Places are limited so please register your attendance at:
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