

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Artists in Nulsen residences prepare for 'Re-Connected' exhibition**

A group of people with disabilities who live at Nulsen Group homes will be given the opportunity to be 'artists in residence' ahead of a special exhibition hosted by students at All Saints' College on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019.

Throughout the month of May, 24 Nulsen Group residents will be participating in art classes at the Victoria Park Centre for the Arts to create 50 paintings for inclusion in the All Saints' College 'Re-Connected' exhibition alongside students and established and emerging artists.

Nulsen Group Manager Partnerships & Communication, Danica Wieman said the residents have been given a wonderful opportunity to unleash their creative talents and show them off to the world.

"Creativity is something that transcends barriers and our residents will gain new techniques from the two-hour workshops and they will experience the joy of producing unique works of art for potential buyers," Ms Wieman said.

"The theme of the art exhibition is 'Re-Connected' and our artists in residence will be creating artworks which represent their interpretation of the concept of connecting or making a connection."

The art classes and exhibition have been made possible by year 5 students at All Saints' College who participated in a Service Learning Project. Students were each given \$2 and encouraged to invest the money wisely to maximise profits. Their efforts resulted in a \$5,725 donation to Nulsen Group who were chosen as the beneficiary via a democratic vote.

Nulsen Group has been collaborating with All Saints' College via the Nulsen Youth Patron Program for five years which is a leadership development and service learning program designed to give Year 10 students opportunities to develop and enhance their leadership skills and altruism by supporting people with complex disabilities in their community.

All Saints' College Head of Catalyst: Centre for Service and Social Enterprise, Mr Scott Corbett said the students will be heavily involved in the art exhibition which will be held in the college's award-winning Centre for Performing Arts.

"The Re-Connected Art Exhibition will not only be a great learning opportunity for the students, it will be an exciting gala event for the community and best of all, the sale of the artworks will raise needed funds to support Nulsen Group residents with complex disabilities.

"We are excited to see the variety of artworks that will be created by the Nulsen Group residents and proudly displayed at our exhibition," Mr Corbett said.



The community exhibition will officially open on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019 at 6.00pm in the College's Centre for Performing Arts. Guests will be able to purchase the artworks through an online auction with all money raised from sales donated to Nulsen.

### **ABOUT NULSEN YOUTH PATRON PROGRAM**

The Nulsen Youth Patron Program instils an understanding of how individual and collective social responsibility shapes a civil society in which we can all live and work. The program extends way beyond the students, reaching parents, teachers and alumni in the school community; Nulsen staff and supporters; and the broader community.

Each year, selected students from the three schools participate in the Nulsen Youth Patron program. Positions in the program are hotly contested as the leadership skills and personal development gained during the year-long program see many of the participants go on to assume leadership positions not only within their schools but later within their chosen professions and the community.

### **ABOUT NULSEN**

Nulsen Group is a not-for-profit organisation that provides care and services to more than 200 Western Australians with complex disabilities. We have been part of the WA community for more than 65 years.

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