

Art has the power to touch hearts and change minds. **To transform.**

In those moments of beauty and creativity, we can be moved to see and act anew - bringing change to ourselves, our communities and our world.
That is the transformative power of the arts.
And it is what drives us.

The **Community Arts Network (CAN)** is a global platform that seeks to enable, engage and empower individuals, organisations and communities that use the arts for social impact.

Our origins

A 2019 survey that considered thousands of organisations in more than 90 countries found that community arts is a global community of ideas...but not yet a global community network. Networks are able to harness ideas into powerful, unified action. This inspired **Community Arts Lab- Porticus & Hiiti Foundation** to join forces and respond to this need...and CAN was born in April 2021. We are a growing community of more than 625 members working in diverse areas of focus across 60 countries.

We **envisage** a world where:

The arts are **fully applied** in the creation and advancement of social change

The contribution that art can make to solving our world's complex problems is **understood and valued** and

The arts have the same **status and influence** as science, technology, policy and economics.

CAN is a **lighthouse** in the Arts for Social Impact sector, acting as a leader to illuminate pathways for integrating arts into social impact ambitions and initiatives.

What we do

Enablement

- **Enable connections** within the network and with unlikely allies, as changemakers working in the arts and other fields.
- Share opportunities, tools and knowledge to support and empower individuals and organisations working in the field.
- Make the work of the network **visible** through our channels, to promote and empower members.
- Contribute to the **creation of a global arts for social impact architecture for the sector.**
- **Explore synergies and alignment**, and **foster collaborations** within the sector.

Advocacy

- Contribute to the **global conversation** about how arts serves as a force for real change and on the shared vision to develop its power and impact collectively.
- **Amplify and unify voices** calling for the role of the arts in contributing to structural change to be better recognised and supported.
- **Set** ambitious goals and a **strategic direction** for catalysing arts to create and/or advance social impact.
- **Mobilise and connect** a global community of changemakers, united around shared values.
- **Advocate** for the role of arts in social impact and for the accessibility of arts to everyone.
- **Advocate for greater financial investment** in the development of the Arts for Social Impact sector, as well as those engaged in it.

We **participate** in diverse events and activities throughout the year and the world, to advance the cause for arts for social impact, to benefit our members and the development of our sector.

We will seek out **partnerships** with those who share this vision for arts for social impact, and with whom we can co-create and collaborate with.

Registered CAN members are able to:

Promote themselves and their work on the CAN network and channels.

Explore and Access the network, using our Matchmaker and Network Map tools.

Connect directly with a diversity of artists, organisations, activists, funders and others linked to arts for social impact.

Join us!

Become a member

In your work, **are you applying and have applied** arts as a vehicle for social impact?

Are you **interested in applying** arts for social impact in your work?

Registering is easy...and free.

Step 1: Visit our **website**

Step 2: Click on LOGIN in the upper right corner > then click REGISTER. That's it!

For us to give you and your work the biggest boost across all our channels, including our **newsletter**, we need you to upload:

- A high resolution photo and logo,
- A rich summary illustrating **your relationship to Arts for Social Impact**
- Your social media links

Our **network map** will enable others to find you, while our **Matchmaker** tool will enable them to learn more about and connect with you.

Follow us

Are you interested in learning more about arts for social change?

Watch **this** short video.

Visit our website and follow us on social media.



Questions?

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