

# Grounded in Country

*This work has been developed on the unceded lands of the Ngunnawal people. With deep respect to Elders past and present, and guided by their wisdom, this plan looks to the future.*

A future creative precinct for Canberra is in development. Located in Kingston, it has a vision, a place, and a fledgling community – but as yet, no name.

This ‘**FuturePlace**’ brings together an **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Art Space**, welcoming resident artists and a dynamic program of creative activity. This Space does not yet exist; artsACT have made a commitment to facilitating its formation, guided by a **First Peoples Group**.

This new Space, plus **Canberra Contemporary Art Space, Craft ACT, M16 Artspace** and **PhotoAccess**, will join **Canberra Glassworks** and **Megalo Print Studio** as the founding resident organisations of FuturePlace.

Together, we have made some important commitments to one another, to Canberra, and to the local and global communities we foster.

The first of these commitments is towards the naming of FuturePlace.

Following a smoking ceremony onsite to ground our first steps, we will engage in a cultural process of learning, towards the identifying of an Indigenous name for this future place we’re creating – so that, in all of the ways that we work together, we’re grounded in Country: from our values to our operations and beyond.

# Mission, vision and values

Ever-changing, ever-challenging, always collaborative –

## Our vision

Grounded in Country, we welcome you to celebrate and strengthen creative and cultural practices. At the creative heart of Canberra, let’s generate more together than we could possibly have imagined alone.

## Our purpose

To champion courageous artistic endeavour, energise thinking, and create deep connections across Australia and across the world. To foster the generous collaborations that build Canberra’s thriving new creative place.

## Our values

We are **dynamic**

We’re the destination for Canberra’s visual arts and culture – and our journey there has already begun. Our artists thrive within complexity and diversity – and we’re here to inspire you.

We are **adventurous**

We’re deeply engaged in the fusion of traditional and contemporary practice. We value experimentation. We draw on decades of social engagement and deep artistic focus to create new work and new experiences. We invite you to explore what we’ve created.

We are **collaborative**

Our doors are open to everyone. We engage your curiosity and expand your thinking. When you visit us, you’re connecting into a local, national and international arts scene through its Canberra home.

