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Arts in Conversation at Cradle Coast campus

UTAS Cradle Coast Campus is inviting artists and community practitioners to discuss the potential for university-level community arts and cultural development courses to be offered in the region, at a forum at the campus on **Friday 30 March 2012**.

Arts in Conversation is an afternoon of information, discussion and social interaction with three sessions focused on raising awareness of the arts and the support available to artists and others working in the sector.

Event organiser Josie Hurst said the campus is also keen to gain an early indication of the potential demand for professional qualifications in Community Cultural Development (CCD).

“Community Cultural Development is something that is not widely understood but we know that community arts projects can produce great results for tourism, the environment, education, health and wellbeing as well as in the arts.

“Typically, these types of projects use the arts and creativity as a way of engaging with groups to generate outcomes both for individuals and communities,” Ms Hurst said.

The first Arts in Conversation session will provide an insight into organisations offering support to the arts industry.

“This session will give anyone working in the arts a chance to meet people from across the state whose business is to support the arts. It’s also great for the supporting organisations to get to know some of the individuals working in the region,” Ms Hurst explained.

The second session will be interactive, focusing on Community Cultural Development and its importance in regional Tasmania.

The Arts in Conversation sessions will finish with the arts@work Arts Industry Drinks, where people can relax and continue their discussions.

This event is free but spaces are limited so RSVP is essential. Participants are encouraged to join in all or part of the discussion and can

register by phoning the campus on (03) 6430 4949 or emailing ccc.events@utas.edu.au

WHAT: Arts in Conversation sessions

WHO: Artists and others working in the arts

WHEN: Friday 30 March 2012, event opens 12pm for a 12.30 start

WHERE: UTAS Cradle Coast campus, 16-20 Mooreville Road, Burnie

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