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Perception Project Blind Sporting Council

The Women's & Children's Hospital Foundation **Arts in Health Program** has been collaborating with the Blind Sporting Council to fund the Perception Project at the Women's & Children's Hospital.

This project will provide an artwork specifically to improve the hospital experience for children with visual impairment. In addition, the project aims to raise awareness of the experiences of children with visual impairment, both in and out of the hospital environment.

Established in 1996, the Blind Sporting Council provides support to people who are blind or vision impaired, participating in sport, recreation and community activities. In 2009, the Blind Sporting Council partnered with the WCH Foundation to raise funds to purchase two KOWA Portable Slit Lamps. This equipment allows children as young as two years old to be examined for early detection of eye disease, thus helping to protect the child's future eye sight.

Call for Artists

The WCH Foundation is now calling for artists who wish to create an artwork of high artistic merit that is designed to address the theme of 'perception' and invoke positive, pleasurable sensory and emotive experiences. The artwork is to explore concepts of identity and perception and offer an experience primarily through perception such as touch, hearing, smell, balance and motion. The final work will be displayed at the Women's & Children's Hospital.

The artwork must be appropriate for children, women, families and carers from diverse cultural backgrounds, and specifically targeted to children with sight impairment.

To receive a copy of the Artist's Brief, contact Jill Newman, Arts Coordinator, Arts in Health Program, WCH Foundation, Telephone: 8464 7900 or email artsinhealth@wchfoundation.org.au

As the official charity for the Women's & Children's Hospital, the WCH Foundation exists to help the Hospital provide world class care and facilities to the thousands of women, babies and young people who are treated there every year.

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