

# Welfare, Recreation & Community Arts Worker

Welfare, recreation and community arts workers design and implement strategies and programs to meet community and individual needs. They assist individuals, families and groups with social, emotional and financial difficulties to improve quality of life by educating and supporting them and working towards change in their social environment.

## Job title examples



- Community Arts Worker / Officer
- Recreation Officer
- Welfare Worker

## Other jobs in this field of work

## What welfare, recreation and community arts workers do



- research and analyse community issues, needs and problems
- develop, evaluate and maintain community resources and programs
- evaluate data and write reports such as submissions requesting funding for continuing programs and new projects
- identify issues of local need, concerns and aspirations through community consultation
- organise local sporting, cultural and recreational events and activities such as community functions, hobby classes, community arts projects and sporting competitions
- provide support while exploring alternatives with clients who experience difficulties such as marital problems, unemployment, illness and drug abuse
- assess risks and provide intensive short-term crisis counselling for victims of domestic violence, child abuse, disasters and other crises
- assist to establish and administer neighbourhood houses, community groups, employment training programs and other services

## Main employing industries



- Health care and social assistance
- Public administration and safety

## Qualifications



The following government subsidised qualifications are available in NSW:

**Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts** available as a qualification

**Diploma of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Visual Arts Industry Work** available as a qualification

**Course fees:** You may be eligible for government subsidised training under Smart and Skilled. Go to the [Course Finder](#) to find training in your area, estimate your fee and find a training provider.

## Job prospects



- There are around 10,959 welfare, recreation and community arts workers working in NSW.
- Over the next four years, employment in this occupation is expected to grow in NSW.

### Average weekly full time earnings (before tax):

- Welfare, recreation and community arts workers: \$1,203
- All occupations: \$1,200

## Related jobs



- Welfare support worker
- Counsellor

To find out more about other jobs, visit the [Job Guides Homepage](#).

### Information sources

Occupations: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Australian and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations, 1220.0

Employment: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Labour Force, Australia, Detailed, Quarterly, 6291.0.55.003

Skills shortages: Department of Employment, Skill Shortage List NSW 2015-16

Job prospects: Centre of Policy Studies (CoPS), Victoria University, Employment Forecast Data for NSW 2015/16 to 2022/23

Earnings: Department of Employment, [joboutlook.gov.au](http://joboutlook.gov.au), based on ABS Characteristics of Employment Survey, August 2014