

## ***Sydney Sings***

### **CHOIR CATALYST INTERNSHIP**

Creativity Australia is seeking a Choir Catalyst to fill an internship position focusing on providing wellbeing, skills and employment assistance and administrative support to choir members within our recently launched *With One Voice* community choir program in Sydney.

Successful applicants will have experience in community engagement, social work, mental health, business, law, education or other relevant fields. They will be creative, committed, and passionate about promoting a diverse, socially inclusive and engaging environment in our choirs. **This is an internship position that will require a commitment of 4 hours per week for the remainder of 2012 (and beyond), beginning on the 8th of May.**

#### **About the role:**

The key focus of this internship is to provide support to the conductor of our newly launched choir in the heart of Sydney.

A major role will be to assist in the implementation of the *With One Voice* Wellbeing Initiative, and provide practical experience in areas of community health and development that will complement your degree or future career prospects.

Through your experience in a variety of health, business, education, social welfare related fields (a requirement of this internship), you will help us further our capacity to contribute to improving the wellbeing and participation of our members in the community and workforce beyond choir rehearsal. The Wellbeing and Employment Initiatives seeks to improve our existing capacity to build and create new opportunities for our members in areas such as skills, mentoring, employment, education, improved mental health and overall wellbeing.

Interns will also be required to provide administration support to the Creativity Australia choir, assisting the conductor of the choir and the overall Program Coordinator with the core duties involved in the role.

Interns are required to make a commitment of 4 hours per week (on a weekday evening) on an ongoing basis. Interns will also be required to consistently and reliably engage with organizational correspondence and respond to emails, and complete other tasks as directed.

This is a great opportunity for students studying a range of disciplines including social work, psychology, business, law, education, science, or community development, allowing them to gain practical, worthwhile experience while working with a team of like-minded, engaged individuals as we empower the community to find their voice.



#### **Patrons**

Dame Elisabeth Murdoch AC, DBE  
Lady Marigold Southey AC  
Professor Allan Fels AO  
Hugh Morgan AC  
Emeritus Professor John Hay AC  
Eddie McGuire AM (With One Voice Patron)

#### **Ambassadors**

Professor Graham Burrows AO  
John Calvert-Jones AM  
Terry Campbell AO  
Dr Alan Finkel AM  
Professor Andrea Hull AO  
Sam Lipski AM  
Bruce Woodley

#### **Founder**

Tania de Jong AM

**The duties of the Choir Catalyst will include:**

- Induct and register new members of the *Sydney Sings* choir, ensuring each new member is given a welcome pack
- Various administrative duties during choir, including – taking attendance, selling t-shirts, distributing song sheets, assisting the conductor in the general running of rehearsal
- Assisting with and participating in the choir and supper to be held at the end of rehearsal
- To assist members with any problems they may be experiencing related to choir
- To assist members with any problems members may be experiencing outside choir, a direct role related to the implementation of the Wellbeing Initiative
- Provide to assistance to members of the choir throughout the implementation of the Wellbeing Initiative, helping to address the needs of our members and offer advice, support and solutions to problems as they are identified. Problems could include unemployment, disempowerment, or disengagement.
- Complete an evaluation of the members of the choir, the outcomes of the years events / rehearsals, and submit a report at the end of the year according with instructions to be provided by the Program Coordinator
- Wherever possible, promote the choir and encourage people to join and implement ideas to attract new members in the community. As *Sydney Sings* is a brand new initiative of *With One Voice*, this will be an integral aspect of your role.
- Provide overall support the conductor and program coordinator in the further development and implementation of the With One Voice choir
- Meet potential supporters/donors/members at rehearsals and advocate for the With One Voice programs at rehearsals and through your own networks
- Under the guidance of Creativity Australia's Program Coordinator assist with the organisation of With One BIG Voice concert, to be held in Melbourne

**About your application:**

If you are a passionate, creative, ENGAGED individual with experience in areas of administration, business, education, community health/social inclusion, please send your application for this internship to [amy@cal.org.au](mailto:amy@cal.org.au)

**Applications should include a resume and a brief cover letter that responds directly to the key elements of this role.** You should also express an understanding of and connection to our organisation and what we seek to achieve through the *With One Voice* choir program. Overall, we are looking for people who are committed to helping us empower and engage members of the community, encouraging diversity, and helping people to find their voice.

PLEASE NOTE THIS POSITION IS BASED IN SYDNEY.

**About us:**

Creativity Australia inspires people to find their voice!

[www.creativityaustralia.org.au](http://www.creativityaustralia.org.au)

Creativity Australia is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 2008 by award-winning Australian social entrepreneur Tania de Jong AM. Creativity Australia inspires people to find their voice. The organisation uses creative programs that result in positive social and economic outcomes for individuals, organisations and communities.

Creativity Australia's acclaimed *With One Voice* choir social inclusion and community wellbeing programs aim to recognise each unique voice. The choir programs are unique in that they deliberately build and bridge social capital. They bring together people of all ages and from all walks of life, cutting across socioeconomic, cultural, religious, generational and linguistic barriers in the pursuit of harmony. The program deliberately brings together migrants, the unemployed, those with disabilities and disadvantage, and general citizens and workers seeking to unlock their creative potential and make a difference. The programs build bridges of understanding across all areas of society...from asylum seekers to CEOs of organisations.

The choirs provide important opportunities to develop networks for friendship, belonging and employment. Participants develop leadership potential, build self esteem, communication and creative skills. They also learn how to work as a team. When many diverse voices come together as "one voice" on a regular basis, the outcomes are transformational. This has already led to members gaining employment through improved self esteem, contacts and skills developed through the programs.

Choirs are located in inspirational and accessible venues and marketed across the business and community sector as an opportunity for diverse participants to meet on common ground. Choirs rehearse weekly and have the opportunity to perform a number of times each year.

Choirs are made up of 50% paid and 50% donated places – with a focus on accessible, multigenerational, multicultural, and inclusive engagement. The choir is a platform for accessing Creativity Australia wellbeing and employment initiatives, for networking and making friends, for dealing with depression and exclusion. *With One Voice* has changed lives, created jobs, built friendships and strengthened communities across Victoria and is now expanding into NSW and ACT.

**We are excited to build on this and further improve our capacity to contribute to enriching the lives of our members and hope that you will help us do so by engaging with the Choir Programs and the Wellbeing Initiative.**

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