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Leading WA visual arts organisation appoints new CEO.



Newly appointed Artsource CEO, Gavin Buckley, 2012. Photo courtesy of Artsource

Artsource, the artists' foundation of Western Australia, is pleased to announce the appointment of Gavin Buckley as our new Chief Executive Officer. With a background in both business and the arts, Gavin brings a wealth of experience to the role of leading WA's peak not-for-profit membership body for visual artists.

Gavin was formerly Director of Regions and Business Development at Arts & Business, the UK-based charity with an international reputation for promoting and fostering creative partnerships between the arts and the private sector.

At Arts & Business, Gavin led a team of Directors and their staff across England delivering strategic services to members from

both the business and arts communities. In addition to fundraising and consultancy work, he developed a unique contemporary art service generating sales and other opportunities for artists. He created 'Young Professionals on Boards', an initiative attracting, training, mentoring and placing exceptional young business people on the Boards of arts organisations. Working with the Reed Foundation's Big Give, he led the rollout of the hugely successful 'Big Arts Give Christmas Challenge', which raised c.\$7m for the arts in 2010 and he also led the team delivering 'Art of Ideas 2010', Arts Council England's initiative promoting regional art and artists.

Before joining Arts & Business, Gavin spent four years as Director of Regional Fundraising at the Muscular Dystrophy Campaign raising funds for research and providing care for those affected by muscle-wasting conditions. Also, when he worked for the Association for Business Sponsorship of the Arts from 1995 to 1998, Gavin managed the UK Government's Pairing Scheme, attracting new business sponsors for arts and culture.

Anthony Hasluck, Chair of Artsource said, "Gavin's appointment is excellent news for Artsource, our members and visual artists throughout Western Australia. I am delighted that we have been able to secure his expertise to further develop Artsource and its services. The Board and the staff all look forward to working with him to maximise the benefits we deliver for Western Australian visual artists and deepen our relationships with the business community and all levels of Government."

Gavin said, "I am thrilled to be joining Artsource at this exciting time. Artsource has an impressive track record fostering visual arts and supporting visual artists in Western Australia. I'm looking forward to building on this success, working with the Board and the

Artsource team, to deliver exceptional services for our members and to continue to raise the profile and status of the visual arts in Western Australia”.

Gavin takes up his post at Artsource on 15 October 2012.

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About Artsource

Artsource is Western Australia’s peak representative body for visual artists. A not-for-profit organisation in operation since 1986, Artsource works to expand and improve the sustainability and profile of artists through practical services and support. For more information, please visit www.artsource.net.au