

**Createability: ABC partners with Screenworks and Screen NSW to fund eight short films featuring artists with disability in regional NSW**

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The ABC has again partnered with Northern NSW based screen industry organisation Screenworks and Screen NSW on **Createability 2017**, a project that provides funding for professional filmmakers to create films featuring artists with disability living in regional NSW.

Eight filmmakers will receive funding to be used to showcase the talents and life of their chosen regional NSW artist in a short film.

Fiona Reynolds, Director ABC Regional said “We are excited to be a part of the Createability project again in 2017. By partnering with Screenworks and Screen NSW, we can offer emerging filmmakers the opportunity to profile talented artists with disabilities who live in regional NSW. We can’t wait to see the diverse stories and talents that emerge from this project.”

In December 2016, the ABC launched the Createability collection on [ABC iview](#) and broadcast several Createability films domestically and internationally to mark the *International Day of People with Disability*.

Since its inception three years ago, the Createability project has helped to increase the diversity of Australian stories on screens by investing directly into regional screen production, uncovering engaging regional stories and bringing these stories to local audiences.

Screenworks’ General Manager, Ken Crouch said “In 2017 we’re looking forward to regional filmmakers unearthing more compelling stories of regional artists that complement the twelve films that have already been produced”.

“Createability is a wonderful program that has given us compelling portraits of regional NSW artists, and we are excited about this project, which will give us eight more films, produced outside metropolitan centres, about a diverse group of artists” said Grainne Brunson, Director Engagement, Partnerships and Development at Screen NSW.

Applications are open now until midnight Sunday 23 April ESDT.

Successful applicants will be supported throughout the program by local ABC Regional Producers. Each of the films will be made available on ABC iview at the end of this year.

Filmmakers with disability are encouraged to apply for Createability 2017. All filmmakers selected for this program will be encouraged to connect with and to include filmmakers with disability from regional NSW as part of their teams.

For more information on Createability 2017, visit [www.screenworks.com.au/createability](http://www.screenworks.com.au/createability), or contact:  
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