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On June 14, over one hundred Sydney artists and cultural workers met at Garibaldis Community Centre, East Sydney, for the first public meeting of the proposed artists' organisation.

Those attending represented a broad range of cultural activities and involvements, and included gallery-oriented artists, community artists, teachers, muralists, painters, sculptors, film workers, musicians and art students.

Australian artists and cultural workers have long suffered from the lack of an organisation to represent them. The proposed organisation will represent the industrial and material interests of artists and cultural workers, and will actively counter both sexism and racism in all forms of cultural activity. It will work to break down the distinctions between cultural workers and artists and other workers within the community.

The aims and policies of the organisation are far-reaching, and as well as the above-mentioned, are concerned with such issues as – exhibition venues, work space for artists, art education within and without the education system, and the role of the artist and cultural worker within society. The organisation will also move to influence government to meet its responsibility to provide adequate funding for cultural activities within the community.

Further information about the organisation can be obtained by ringing Julie Ewington, 692 1122, X2147 or X3073, during work hours.

**Source: Artworkers Union Archives**