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LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR JOHN BROOKES

John Richard Brookes of 37/31 Ijong Street, Braddon, ACT 2612 has engaged voluntarily with Belconnen Arts Centres' IGNITE Program (which supports artists who identify as disabled, d/Deaf, hard of hearing, chronically ill or have mental health experience), since March 17 2021, when his photography was exhibited as part of our IGNITE Gallery.

John has subsequently provided voluntary media promotion, arranging art giveaways in Canberra Weekly to promote IGNITE. He also engages in other IGNITE initiatives, including presenting an upcoming workshop on his photography through IGNITE Social "Creative Conversations" and working on another IGNITE Gallery initiative and a solo exhibition at the centre.

John is perfect for the opportunity proposed, he has years of experience of producing innovative forms of media for artistic expression, engaging content, collaborating with other artists and exhibition management in both large and small venues. He is passionate about using different concepts and defamiliarize them to bring artworks to the masses. He also uses his formidable marketing background to effectively promote his exhibitions.

He also engages with the wider Belconnen Arts Centre through contributing to various exhibitions such as Traces, PLACE Unframed and NAIDOC in the North, and also the wider Canberra arts scene; engaging and exhibiting at Ginninderra Homestead Gallery, Smith's Alternative Gallery, Belconnen Community Gallery, Canberra Airport Public Gallery and organisations such as Wellways, Perinatal Wellness Charity, Fair Canberra, ACT Government Community Services and Volunteering ACT.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heidi Lefebvre', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Heidi Lefebvre
IGNITE Programs Officer