

Hello,

I am emailing you to express my support in the Drill Hall becoming a Community Artspace.

I am the Program Director of the Community of Hearts Lifelong Learning Centre. We are a charity and learning centre supporting adults with developmental disabilities to gain more independence, build confidence, and become more involved in the Guelph community.

After speaking with the representatives interested in creating the Artspace in the Drill Hall, we were quite excited about an accessible and inclusive art space for participants from our programming to attend. It is close to our Centre (in Old Quebec St Mall) so it would be easy and accessible for participants to attend and also for those who use public transit.

Having inclusive and accessible places for disabled members of our community is very important, especially a place for art, community and creativity. Art & creativity inspires confidence and supports a positive mental health.

I just wanted to share my thoughts with you on this and my hopes that the Community Artspace will be able to still happen - to benefit the disabled artists in the community.

Thank you for your time,

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