

Community Cultural Development through Playback Theatre in Hong Kong

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Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong (ADA)

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Playback Theatre (PBT) in HK



- ❖ Introduced by Ms Veronica Needa in 1996
- ❖ First public performance in July 1997, when Hong Kong was returned to China
- ❖ Since then, the seeds of PBT grow in different communities, with the Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong (ADA) being one of the major organizers

Arts with the Disabled Association Hong Kong (ADA)

- ❖ A non-government organization (NGO) set up in 1986
- ❖ Vision:
“Arts are for Everyone”
藝術同參與 . 傷健共展能
- ❖ Work with people with and without disabilities across all art forms





ADA Directions

- ❖ Horizontal - Popularize arts among persons with disabilities (PWDs)
- ❖ Vertical - Professional development of artists with disabilities
- ❖ Arts as a platform for community cultural development and promotion of inclusion

ADA Core Values



- ❖ We are born different, and we respect our differences.
- ❖ It is a basic human right to participate in the arts and cultural activities.
- ❖ The arts know no boundaries. Everyone can be an artist.
- ❖ The arts are for everyone. They help us develop whatever our abilities.

Playback Theatre and ADA



- ❖ ADA shares a similar vision with Playback Theatre. Playback Theatre acknowledges that everyone can have a right to share his/her feelings and stories. It believes that everyone can become a citizen actor and serve the community through Playback Theatre.

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Playback Tuesday



Playback for ALL



video

Arts and Accessibility



video

Opportunities

- ❖ Rituals
- ❖ Artistry
- ❖ Social awareness
- ❖ Personal growth
- ❖ Social change



Challenges



- ❖ **Are we READY?**
- ❖ Training – when we have different learning needs
- ❖ Leadership – to work with different kinds of leadership
- ❖ Awareness – universal design and support needs



Q&A



Thank you!