

**Distinct**  
**an exhibition curated by AlanJames Burns**  
**Project Arts Centre**  
**from the 8th of March to the 20th of April 2024**

Project Art Centre presents **Distinct**, an exhibition curated by AlanJames Burns which explores the climate crisis through the perspective of disability. Platforming artists whose practices represent the diverse, intersectional voices of the disability arts community, the exhibition navigates how lived experiences of disability can help inform more sustainable ways of living.

Showing new and reformulated works by Cecilia Bullo, Yvonne Condon, Richard Forrest, Vera Klute, Ruth Le Gear, Jane McCormick, David Parnell, and Katherine Sankey, the launch of **Distinct** coincides with the Disrupt Disability Arts Festival, Ireland's new annual disability-led and disability-focused arts festival.

Curated with accessibility in mind, this exhibition represents extensive research into the intersections of climate change, disability, and art. The climate emergency disproportionately affects people with lived experience of disability in various ways, including from lack of accessible climate policy information, vulnerabilities in extreme weather events, and the creation of 'sustainable' ways of living that don't consider the disability experience - known as eco-ableism.

"People with lived experience of disability are routinely and systematically not considered in climate action projects, policies, and discussions," says curator AlanJames Burns, "yet people with lived experience of disability have expert skill-sets which can be harnessed as catalysts for inclusive climate action including resilience, resourcefulness, community care, and the ability to navigate barriers and obstacles. This knowledge can be used to collectively address the precarious environmental position we all find ourselves in."

Visitors will experience the exhibition in its entirety over approximately 25 minutes, with sitting and resting points provided.

A touchable resource response from artist Emilie Conway will be added in the foyer of Project Arts Centre later in the run. Staff at the box office can give more information about this.