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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Duong (Michelle) Dang. I am a Support, Group and Community Education worker at the Brisbane Rape and Incest Survivors Support Centre (BRISSC). BRISSC is a specialist sexual violence support service that provides a variety of services to women who have experienced sexual violence.

I am writing to provide a professional reference for Ms. Tess Elliott, whom I consider to be an outstanding creative art therapist and facilitator.

I have formed this impression through a series of 'Art as Activism' workshops and art exhibition that I co-facilitated with Ms. Elliott through October to December 2014. I have had the pleasure of observing the significant contributions Ms. Elliott made to the workshops and exhibition, through her artistic skills, and also her knowledge of working compassionately with survivors of sexual violence in a group context.

As an arts worker and facilitator, Tess has demonstrated a sophisticated analysis of gendered violence and a sound grasp of using artistic processes for the development of a group program that is relevant, appropriate and sensitive for survivors.

I have been impressed with Ms. Elliott's interactions with clients, community members, colleagues and others. I observed effective written and verbal communication skills, including an ability to negotiate and work with conflict.

Ms. Elliott has also consistently demonstrated solid organisational skills demonstrating an ability to initiate and manage workloads within a tight timeframe.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything in the letter further, please do not hesitate to contact me on 07 3391 2573 or e-mail me at [michelle@brissc.org.au](mailto:michelle@brissc.org.au).

Sincerely,

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