

Kalgoorlie Miner

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Esther Giles works on a painting.
Picture: Tjarlirli Art

Art exhibition to tour German cities

■ John Ely

Artwork from five Goldfields Aboriginal communities will take centre stage in Germany this week in a new exhibition demonstrating the connections between mental health and art.

The Pro Community 2016 Ngaanyatjarra Lands exhibition features 80 works from Western Desert creative groups Kayili Artists, Minyma Kutjara Arts, Papulankutja Artists, Tjarlirli

Art and Warakurna Artists.

The exhibition focuses on the issue of mental health in Goldfields Aboriginal communities and the expression of various conditions, such as stress and dementia, in art.

Tjarlirli Art manager Hayley Birchley said the exhibited works provided a window into the kind of mental issues present in remote communities.

"Most people out in these communities are all dealing with

some kind of mental pressure and so it's very interesting to see how that is expressed in different ways," she said.

"It's an opportunity to show just some of the ways of how these pressures are expressed, and how people live in Australian indigenous communities."

The Pro Community 2016 Ngaanyatjarra Lands exhibition will tour Germany until June 18, visiting four cities during its run in the country.