

Welcome to the Community Centre 🖐️

This is a shared space. Come hang out, read, make things, work, nap, talk, play music, meet people or do absolutely nothing for a while.

The basic rule is simple: **help us keep the space safe, respectful and comfortable for everyone.**

Be decent to people

Everyone is welcome here.

- No discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, threats, humiliation or abusive behaviour.
- No slurs, offensive gestures or abusive language directed at another person.
- Respect people's personal space and boundaries.
- Don't use the CC to preach, campaign, recruit or pressure people into adopting your political or religious beliefs.
- And, obviously, don't do anything illegal.

Consent. Always.

Agatsu is built around consent, respect and autonomy.

That means:

- Ask before touching someone.
- Don't pressure anyone to talk, participate, share something personal or emotional, or spend time with you.
- Someone can say no. They can also say yes and then change their mind.
- Sexual or intimate physical behaviour, including making out, isn't allowed inside the CC.

No photos or videos with other people

You can take a picture of your coffee. You can take a picture of your painting. You can take a picture of the wall.

You cannot take a photograph or video that includes another person — participant, facilitator, volunteer or staff member.

This applies even if they say yes. We don't want anyone to feel awkward, pressured or obligated to agree to being photographed or recorded.

Help us keep everyone safe

- If you have been diagnosed with a severe mental health condition, we may need to speak with your psychiatrist, treating mental health professional or caregiver before you use the CC.

This isn't about keeping you out. It's about understanding whether the space is currently safe and suitable for you, and whether there are any triggers, risks or support needs we should know about.

You must either be able to use the CC safely and independently or have a caregiver with you throughout your time here.

We'll only ask for information that is necessary for your safety and the safety of other people using the space.

- Alcohol and recreational or illegal drugs cannot be consumed on Agatsu premises.
- If something is broken, damaged or looks unsafe, please tell the CC team. If you aren't sure how to use something, ask us rather than experimenting with your life.

Use the space!

Seriously. That's what it's here for.

Read the books. Draw. Paint. Write. Play an instrument. Study. Work. Chat. Eat. Sit on the couch. Take a nap.

Just:

- Take care of the things you use.
- Don't intentionally damage anything.
- Clean up after yourself, wash any utensils you use, throw away your trash.
- Ask us if you don't know how something works.
- Keep your phone on silent.
- Use headphones for anything with sound.

And please keep an eye on your belongings. We can't take responsibility for things that are lost or left unattended.

Pets are welcome

Bring your pet.

Just keep them under your supervision and clean up after them.

Personal information and money

You get to decide what personal information you share with other participants.

The same goes for exchanging or lending money.

Just remember that these are **private arrangements between you and the other person**. Agatsu doesn't facilitate, endorse or take responsibility for personal financial transactions or exchanges of private information between participants.

Something happened? Tell us.

If someone breaks this Code, or something happens that makes you feel unsafe or uncomfortable, please **email codeofconduct@agatsufoundation.org** or tell any member of the Community Centre team

You don't have to figure out whether something is "serious enough" before speaking to us.

What happens if someone breaks the Code?

It depends on what happened.

The CC team may:

- ask someone to stop;
- ask them to leave for the day;
- temporarily restrict their access to the CC; or
- bar them from using the CC in the future.

For serious safety concerns, we may ask someone to leave immediately or restrict their future access without giving a warning first.

Basically

Use the space. Be yourself. Let other people be themselves. Ask before crossing someone's boundaries. Take care of the place. And if something doesn't feel right, tell us.