

Cross Party Group – Culture

Minutes

Tuesday 11th December 2018, 6pm, Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

Introductions

Joan McAlpine MSP welcomed group members, guests, MSPs and guest speakers.

MSP Attendance: 4; Non MSP Attendance: 29

In Kind

Janie Nicol and Ailie Rutherford provided an overview of the In-Kind project which recently took place as part of Glasgow International Visual Arts Festival.

Guest Speakers

Joan introduced the guest speakers who provided background information into the barriers faced by cultural freelancers and what changes could be made to better support freelancers in the sector:

- Cassie Raine from Parents and Carers in Performing Arts
- Maria Oller Lung Ha
- Robin Patel Ergadia
- Emma Jayne Park

Group Discussion

Group members discussed the evidence from the guest speakers and decided to produce an event report covering the issues to be sent to Creative Scotland to inform their funding review process which is currently ongoing. Action: Secretariat to produce a report and send to Creative Scotland. You can view the report [here](#).

Any Other Business

Group secretariat reported that the group letter to David Lidington MP (as discussed at the meeting in September) had been passed to DCMS and we now await a reply from DCMS. The letter to David Lidington can be viewed [here](#). The reply can be viewed [here](#).

A group member requested that the group write to Glasgow City College to encourage them to secure the stained-glass course; as this is now the only course of its kind in Scotland. The convener wrote to Glasgow City College who decided to re-open admissions for the course.

Date of Next Meeting

To be confirmed

**You can watch a film of this meeting here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFgGVZXOJWg> **