

Call for Views on the Impact of COVID-19 on Scotland's Culture and Tourism Sectors

The Scottish Parliament's Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs Committee wants to hear your views at this challenging time. We are keen to understand your concerns about the impact of COVID-19 on people, organisations and businesses in the culture and tourism sectors. If you consider it to be appropriate, the Committee would also welcome your direct experiences of the impact of COVID-19 upon your organisation and the response of the Scottish Government and UK Government to that.

The Committee wrote to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture and the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism on 6 April 2020 to seek written updates on the impact COVID-19 is having on the cultural and tourism sectors and individuals working within those sectors. The letters to the Cabinet Secretaries are accessible at—

- [Correspondence from the Convener to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture of 6 April 2020 \(91KB pdf\)](#)
- [Correspondence from the Convener to the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism of 6 April 2020 \(67KB pdf\)](#)

The Cabinet Secretary for Finance replied to the Convener's letter to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture on 15 April 2020:

- [Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Finance to the Convener of 15 April 2020 \(75KB pdf\)](#)

The Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism replied to the Convener's letter on 24 April 2020:

- [Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Rural Economy and Tourism to the Convener of 24 April 2020 \(316KB pdf\)](#)

The Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture wrote to the Committee on 24 April 2020 with an update:

- [Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture to the Convener of 24 April 2020 \(476KB pdf\)](#)

The Chief Executive of Creative Scotland wrote to the Committee on 30 March 2020 on the impact of COVID-19 to the creative community:

- [Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Creative Scotland to the Convener of 30 March 2020 \(131KB pdf\)](#)

Creative Scotland wrote to the Committee with an update on 9 April 2020:

- [Correspondence from Creative Scotland of 9 April 2020 \(86KB pdf\)](#)

The Chief Executive of Creative Scotland wrote to the Committee on 24 April 2020 with an update:

- [Correspondence from the Chief Executive of Creative Scotland to the Convener of 24 April 2020 \(96KB pdf\)](#)

The Committee will take evidence from both Cabinet Secretaries on the Scottish Government response in terms of culture and tourism to the COVID-19 pandemic. In particular, the Committee will be scrutinising the measures being taken by the Scottish Government to support the culture and tourism sectors through this crisis. Your views will assist the Committee in its scrutiny of these issues.

How to respond

The Committee recognises the challenges facing individuals and organisations in the current circumstances. The Committee wishes to be as flexible as possible and accordingly there is no deadline for written responses. As there is no set timescale for written responses, please get in touch when it suits you and if you wish. If you wish to discuss your submission, please do contact the Committee's clerking team on europe@parliament.scot.

Please note that in most cases your written submission will be published on the Scottish Parliament's website and may be quoted in the Committee's report or in Committee meetings (which are public and broadcast).

If you wish to request that your submission be published without your name, please contact the Committee's clerking team on europe@parliament.scot.

Before making a submission, please read our [privacy notice](#) about submitting your views to a Committee. This tells you about how we process your personal data.

Please tell us if you are under 12 when making a submission. This is because we will need to ask your parent or guardian to confirm to us that they are happy for you to send us your views. Please read this [privacy notice](#) for children and young people before making your submission.

There are a few situations where we may choose not to publish your evidence or have to edit it before publication for practical or legal reasons, including data protection and defamation.

The Scottish Parliament and its Committees value diversity and seek to work towards committee witnesses being broadly representative of Scotland's society. As such, we encourage members of underrepresented groups to submit written evidence. If you need advice, please contact the Committee's clerking team on europe@parliament.scot.

We welcome written views in English, Gaelic, Scots or any other language.

If possible, we would be grateful if you could keep your submission to a maximum of 4 sides of A4.

If you would like to send the Committee a written submission, please use the MS Word template on the inquiry main page and return it to: europa@parliament.scot.

Information for BSL users on submitting evidence in video format can be found [here](#). More information about getting in touch using BSL is also available [here](#).

If you have any queries about how to submit evidence, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee's clerking team on europa@parliament.scot.

Deadline

This is an open call for views and there is currently no deadline for responding.

Scope

The Committee's remit includes culture matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Fair Work and Culture; and tourism matters falling within the responsibility of the Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Tourism.

If you have any queries about whether issues affecting yourself, your organisation or your business are within the scope of this inquiry, please contact the Committee's clerking team on europa@parliament.scot.