

## **Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Relations Committee**

### **Creative Scotland – Regular Funding 2018-21**

#### **Written submission from Lung Ha Theatre Company**

Lung Ha Theatre Company will be in receipt of Creative Scotland's (CS) Regular Funding Organisational investment from 2018-2021; the company has been awarded RFO 'standstill' investment which it has been in receipt of since 2015-18.

Lung Ha Theatre Company was initially unsuccessful through the original RFO 2018-2021 process. It was then reinstated, along with 4 other organisations, to the RFO portfolio some two weeks later.

To have been, and to continue to be, part of the CS's RFO portfolio is critical to Lung Ha Theatre Company's sustained artistic development and success. For many years the Company has been a key partner in, and exponent of, both its own and Creative Scotland's shared objectives in championing Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion.

In recent weeks Lung Ha Theatre Company has taken part in feedback / analysis, discussions and questionnaire's with the Federation of Scottish Theatre (FST). Lung Ha Theatre Company is very supportive of FST's leading role in the response to the 'Call for Views' from the 'Culture, Tourism and External Relations Committee' at the Scottish Parliament. Over the coming weeks and months Lung Ha Theatre Company will follow all developments closely and is keen to contribute to ongoing discussions when and where appropriate.

Alongside working with the FST, perhaps most crucial for Lung Ha Theatre Company is to feel that Creative Scotland and Lung Ha Theatre Company are working together in a positive, collaborative and mutually supportive way. The coming three years should represent a real period of shared understanding, development, artistic vision and belief; and that any ongoing CS investment decisions come with clear, open and supportive communication and understanding.