

Niamh Smyth TD
Cathaoirleach
Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media
Houses of the Oireachtas

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Dear Niamh,

The Culture, Communications, Welsh Language, Sport, and International Relations Committee is undertaking an inquiry looking at **Culture and the new relationship with the European Union**.

It is now more than three years since the post-Brexit arrangements were introduced for working and trading between the UK and the EU, and new restrictions on touring artists have been widely reported. The Committee is considering the effects seen by the UK's exit from the EU on the culture sector, and is exploring issues such as:

- the impact of the new relationship on artists and creative workers touring and working cross-border (including touring and working in Wales);
- the impact of new trading arrangements relating to cultural activity;
- the availability of guidance and support for the sector relating to the new relationship between the UK and EU;
- the impact on access to funding programmes and networks; and
- any changes to the UK-EU relationship that might improve cross-border working for the culture sector.

In the report of our inquiry on Wales-Ireland relations, we committed to leading the way in shaping inter-committee and inter-parliamentary relations with the Oireachtas. This included considering how we can lead and champion Wales-Ireland interparliamentary work in the Senedd. With that in mind,

and given our shared interest in culture, the Committee thought to bring our inquiry to your attention. We would be interested to hear your views, in particular on the effects being felt by Irish artists and cultural workers. We would like to invite you to give written evidence to assist us in this inquiry.

We would be grateful to receive any written contribution from you by Friday 5 July 2024.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Delyth Jewell MS
Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.