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Dear Dafydd,

NoFit State

We have been made aware of the critical and urgent financial situation facing the NoFit State circus company. They have told us that they have applied for additional Arts Council funding, and that if this bid fails, they will need to make substantial redundancies from 1 November.

We would be very grateful if you could please:

Provide assurances that the Arts Council is expediting this funding decision, is mindful of the critical and urgent nature of the situation, and is aware of how the uncertainty is affecting staff; and

Provide details about how you are making the Welsh Government aware of the critical situation facing arts organisations.

You recently described the fragility of the arts sector when giving evidence to the Committee, saying that there are a high number of arts organisations that are "at risk", and that there is "no slack" in the system. We are looking for assurances that the Arts Council is doing all it can to support the sector, including communicating the scale of the problems facing the sector to the Welsh Government.

I would be grateful for an answer as soon as possible, owing to the urgency of this situation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell'.

Delyth Jewell MS
Committee Chair

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg neu Saesneg.

We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.