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Delyth Jewell MS
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Dear Delyth

You will be aware of the recent media and social media attention regarding the publication of three **Widening Engagement Reports** on 19 August.

In 2020, Amgueddfa Cymru and the Arts Council of Wales set out to undertake a series of in-depth conversations with community groups to widen engagement with people we consistently fail to engage in our work. Three organisations undertook three very different studies on our behalf:

1. Re:cognition who focused on an area of semi-rural poverty
2. Richie Turner Associates, who created a team focussing on deaf and disabled people
3. Welsh Arts Anti-Racist Union who focused on cultural and ethnic diversity.

Last week, we published these three reports on our websites as agreed with the consultants who undertook the work: https://museum.wales/aims/vision-commitments-and-values/widening-engagement-research/?_ga=2.202444753.1301646903.1629367706-616543260.1599049154

Our initial response to these reports can be found here:
<https://museum.wales/news/1239/Culture-belongs-to-all-of-us/>

We welcome these three reports but are yet to accept or reject any of the recommendations within them. We wish to provide assurance that we will not take forward any recommendations which would lead to a breach of our statutory responsibilities as part of the Welsh Language Standards.

The reports were commissioned to help drive meaningful change. For our organisations, this work is key as part of a wider process of change, working in collaboration with communities who have found us difficult to reach, to provide better equity in what we do and how we work.

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The work supports both organisations' Strategic Equality Plan, which outlines our determination to advance equality, with a clear commitment to reach more widely and deeply into all communities across Wales. It will also support the Welsh Government's Race Equality Action Plan.

Both organisations will publish a joint Action Plan with a timeframe for taking forward the recommendations from the reports in the Autumn. In the meantime, please get in touch if you would like to discuss this work with us.

Yours sincerely



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