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Clerk to the Education and Culture Committee
Room T3.40
The Scottish Parliament
Edinburgh
EH99 1SP

Dear Sirs

Creative Scotland Spending Decisions: consultation

Thank you for your invitation to submit evidence to the Education and Culture Committee regarding spending decisions and outcomes of Creative Scotland.

The University of Edinburgh would like to note our interest in the consultation, as recipients of funding from Creative Scotland in respect of ongoing activities such as the programming of the Talbot Rice Gallery, and also in relation to the work of individual academic colleagues.

We would like stress our support for the important work that Creative Scotland performs not just with ourselves, but also across the wider creative landscape of Scotland. Creative Scotland has a key role to play in sustaining work of international quality with intrinsic, social, economic and cultural impact, in collaboration with other institutions and agencies.

The University of Edinburgh would be very happy to contribute to further discussion on the ways in which Creative Scotland achieves value for money, develops realistic performance measures and delivers tangible benefits to the creative industries and beyond in Scotland.

Do therefore please let us know if and how we can assist further in the deliberations of the committee.

Yours faithfully

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