



CPG ON CULTURE: MINUTES

1 DECEMBER, 5.30PM-8PM

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, COMMITTEE ROOM 1

THE FILM SECTOR IN SCOTLAND: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Introduction

The following MSPs were noted to be in attendance:

- Jean Urquhart (Highlands and Islands) (Ind)
- Joan McAlpine (South Scotland) (SNP)
- Claire Baker (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)
- George Adam (Paisley) (SNP)

Group apologies received from:

- Christabel Anderson
- Norah Campbell
- Claire Cunningham
- Eoghann MacColl
- Carol Main
- Ian Mills
- Marianne Mitchelson
- Fraser Spiers
- Alan Stewart
- Bill Sweeney
- Simon Thoumire

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

AGM Business

George Adam MSP nominated Jean Urquhart MSP and Joan McAlpine MSP to remain in post as Co-Conveners of the Cross-Party Group on Culture.

Film Screenings

Attendees watched screenings from filmmakers Scott Graham and Roseanne Watt. Links to the works are available on the CPG website (www.cpgonculture.com).

Panel Discussion

There then followed a panel discussion on the subject of the screen sector, featuring:

- Gillian Berrie, Producer, Sigma Films
- Neil Rolland, Creative Learning Worker, Screen Education Edinburgh
- Allison Gardner, Programme Director, Glasgow Film
- Alison Goring, Talent Manager, BECTU
- David Hartley, Head of Creative Industries, Scottish Enterprise
- Natalie Usher, Director of Screen, Creative Scotland

The discussion is available to listen to in full online at:

<http://www.cpgonculture.com/previous-meetings/1st-december-2015/>

Group Discussion

The discussion was then opened up to the Group and is similarly available online at the above link.

Any Other Business/Next Meeting

- It was noted that the next meeting of the Group was scheduled to take place on Tuesday 1 March, 2016.