



## CPG ON CULTURE: MINUTES

31 MARCH 2015, 5.30PM-8PM

### SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, COMMITTEE ROOM 2

#### WHAT MAKES GOOD CULTURAL POLICY

#### **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)

Group apologies received from:

- Sid Ambrose                      DG Unlimited
- Lorne Boswell                    Equity
- Fiona Campbell                  Traditional Music and Song Association
- Rebecca Coggins                Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Lisa Denham                      Scottish Borders Council
- Angie Jennings                 Regional Screen Scotland
- Lisa Kapur                         City of Edinburgh Council
- Rebecca Marek                  Scottish Youth Parliament
- Benny Martin                     South Lanarkshire Leisure
- Sheena McDonald
- Mary McCluskey                 Scottish Youth Theatre
- Ann Packard
- Laurie Piper                        On with Fife
- Shonagh Stevenson              Music Education Strategy Group
- Fiona Sturgeon Shea              Playwright's Studio Scotland
- Matthew Zajac

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

#### **John Sampson, Fanfarist**

The meeting was officially opened by fanfare.

#### **Culture Counts – campaign overview**

Jon Morgan provided the group with an overview of the Culture Counts campaign and the importance of stressing the value of cultural provision to elected members.

#### **Panel Discussion**

There then followed a panel discussion on the subject of cultural policy, featuring:

- Alec Galloway, Painter and Glass Artist
- Shulah Allan, Vice Chair, NHS Lothian
- Eileen Littlewood, Head of Forthview Primary / Start Project

The discussion is available to listen to in full online at:  
<http://www.cpgonculture.com/31st-march-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 16 June, 2015. The topic was to include an education component.