



CPG ON CULTURE: MINUTES

1 MARCH 2016, 5.30PM-8PM

SCOTTISH PARLIAMENT, COMMITTEE ROOM 2

THE ARTIST AS AN ENDANGERED SPECIES

Introduction

The following MSPs were noted to be in attendance:

- Jean Urquhart (Highlands and Islands) (Ind)
- Claire Baker (Mid Scotland and Fife) (Lab)

Group apologies received from:

- Joan McAlpine (South Scotland) (SNP)
- Sarah Deas
- Annette Gillies
- Joy Hendry
- David Martin
- Marianne Mitchelson
- Fraser Spiers
- Stuart Wilson
- Matthew Zajac

The minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Introduction to Session

Janie Nicoll, President, Scottish Artists Union gave a presentation outlining the threats facing artists from a visual arts perspective.

You can view Janie's introduction online here: <http://www.cpgonculture.com/previous-meetings/1st-march-2016/>

Panel Discussion

There then followed a panel discussion on the subject of the artist as an endangered species, featuring:

- Ellie Harrison, Visual Artist
- Ross Sinclair, Artist/Lecturer, Glasgow School of Art
- Robin Baillie, Senior Outreach Officer, National Galleries Scotland
- Rob Morrison, Founder/Director, TAKTAL/The Glue Factory
- Sarah McCrory, Director, GI

The discussion is available to listen to in full online at the above link.

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 this would be the final meeting in this Parliamentary session. Discussions regarding its continuation to take place following the Scottish Parliament Elections.