

## **Cross Party Group for Culture**

City Deals: Cultural Cities & Local Resilience

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019

Scottish Parliament, Committee Room C, Alexander Fleming Room

5.30pm to 8pm

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### **Minutes**

#### **Introductions**

Joan McAlpine MSP reported that the meeting would be chaired in two halves; the first half by Joan McAlpine MSP and the second half by Rachael Hamilton MSP (group convener).

In Attendance:           MSPs 2  
                                  Non MSPs:   27

#### **Group Updates**

Group secretariat collaborated with guest speakers to produce (from the event in December 2019 on cultural freelancers) an evidence report for Creative Scotland to be considered as part of the funding review. This [report](#) has been sent to Creative Scotland.

#### **Guest Speakers**

The group heard from Anna Young - Glasgow Canal Project, Julie Farr – Dundee Social Enterprise Network, Dame Seona Reid – Cultural Cities Inquiry and from David Watt Arts and Business Scotland.

#### **Film Clips**

The group watched film clips covering the Skye Eco-Museum, social enterprises and Arts and Business Scotland.

#### **Group Discussion**

The group discussed city deals and how they impact (or not) on the sector. City Deals in Dundee extended consultation to the third-sector (only a few weeks before the deadline); which allowed more cultural organisations to be able to access and influence the direction of the deal.

#### **Topic of Next Meeting**

Rachael Hamilton MSP asked group members what they would like to suggest for a topic for the next meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting would cover how culture can contribute to health.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed

You can watch a 10 minute highlights film of this meeting [here](#).