



T: 0300 244 4000  
E: scottish.ministers@gov.scot

Joan McAlpine  
Convener  
Culture, Tourism, Europe and External Affairs  
Committee  
The Scottish Parliament  
Edinburgh  
EH99 1SP

[Joan.mcalpine.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Joan.mcalpine.msp@parliament.scot)

28 February 2020

Dear Joan

I am pleased to let you know that A Culture Strategy for Scotland has been launched today. The strategy, which sets the future direction for supporting culture in Scotland, can be viewed via the link below:

<https://www.gov.scot/ISBN/9781839605796>

The strategy draws on the themes raised by individuals, artists, and creative producers, organisations and communities across Scotland through our national culture conversation which began in 2017 and the public consultation of 2018. It sets out a vision underpinned by three main ambitions: Strengthening culture; Transforming through culture; Empowering through culture. The strategy launches new programmes and initiatives including an innovative Creative Communities Programme and a creative residencies pilot in education settings focussing on areas of multiple deprivation across Scotland. The Scottish Government will keep the national culture conversation going by establishing a new National Partnership for culture, providing a voice for the sector to advise Scottish Ministers on matters affecting culture in Scotland.

I would be grateful if you would bring the publication of the report to the attention of the committee.

**FIONA HYSLOP**

Scottish Ministers, special advisers and the Permanent Secretary are covered by the terms of the Lobbying (Scotland) Act 2016. See [www.lobbying.scot](http://www.lobbying.scot)

St Andrew's House, Regent Road, Edinburgh EH1 3DG  
[www.gov.scot](http://www.gov.scot)



INVESTORS  
IN PEOPLE

Accredited  
Until 2020

