

Westminster Media Forum policy conference

The Future for UK Film

Timing: Morning, Monday, 29th November 2021

Taking Place Online



WESTMINSTER
MEDIA FORUM

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Dean Russell MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Film and Broader Screen
- 9.05 **Priorities for driving recovery in the UK's film industries**
Ben Roberts, Chief Executive Officer, British Film Institute
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **Realising opportunities for growth and innovation in the film and screen sector post pandemic**
'Recovery of UK cinema audiences post lock-down - opportunities, challenges, practicalities, and timeframe'
Phil Clapp, Chief Executive, UK Cinema Association

Priorities for retraining - addressing the film sector skills shortage
Gareth Ellis-Unwin, Head of Film and Animation, ScreenSkills

Supporting production in the UK's nations and regions
John Giwa-Amu, Film Producer, Red & Black Films; and Director, Good Gate Media

Sustainable strategies for meeting demand for studio space
Cara Sheppard, Managing Director, Twickenham Film Studios

The cultural role of cinema in society moving forward
Professor Ian Christie, Anniversary Professor of Film and Media History, Birkbeck, University of London
- 10.25 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Dean Russell MP, Vice Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Film and Broader Screen
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Nick Smith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Film and Broader Screen
- 11.05 **Priorities for achieving social and environmental sustainability within UK film**
Julie Baines, Founder, Dan Films; and Co-Chair, Film Producers Group, PACT
- 11.15 **Driving competition in the UK screen sector - the future of film financing models, the rise of streaming and high-end TV production, and addressing emerging issues in intellectual property**
Thomas Benski, CEO and Co-founder, Pulse Films
David Quli, Partner, Wiggin
Senior representative, streaming
Senior representative, finance
- 11.55 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.10 **The UK's film sector in a global economy**
Priorities for facilitating investment in the production of international feature films
Adrian Wootton, Chief Executive, Film London; and Chief Executive Officer, British Film Commission

Policy priorities for encouraging international creative talent
Rupert Daniels, Director, Creative, Lifestyle and Learning, Department for International Trade
- 12.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Nick Smith MP, Chair, All-Party Parliamentary Group for Film and Broader Screen
Michael Ryan, Deputy Editor, Westminster Media Forum