

Westminster Media Forum policy conference
Renewing the arts and culture sector - priorities for support, innovation and the workforce, and the roadmap for recovery across the UK

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 28th January 2021

*****Taking Place Online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey
- 9.05 **Key priorities and challenges for cultural recovery and renewal in England**
Dr Patrick Duggan, Head of Theatre and Performance and Associate Professor of Performance and Culture, Northumbria University
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 Break
- 9.35 **The arts and culture sector in the wake of the pandemic and moving forward - the government response, opportunities for innovation, and the roadmap for recovery**
Phillipa Childs, Head, BECTU
Zita Holbourne, Joint National Chair, Artists' Union England
Graham Farrant, Chief Executive, BCP Council
Tamara Rojo, Artistic Director and Lead Principal, English National Ballet; Board Member, Creative England; and Board Member, Creative Industries Federation
Rufus Norris, Director, National Theatre
Athena Stevens, Actor, Writer & representative from Freelancers Make Theatre Work
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Baroness Lola Young of Hornsey
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's Opening remarks**
Lesley Giles, Director, Work Advance and Lead, Skills and Employment, Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre
- 11.05 **Meeting the skills challenge for the future - priorities, new ways of working, inclusiveness and supporting a competitive sector**
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Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.30 **Cultural renewal and recovery across the UK**
Kathryn Thomson, Chief Executive, National Museums NI

Nick Capaldi, Chief Executive Arts Council of Wales

Roy Alexander Weise, Co-Artistic Director, Royal Exchange Theatre, Manchester

Gregory Batsleer, Chorus Director, Royal Scottish National Orchestra

Phil Edgar-Jones, Director, Sky Arts

Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Westminster Media Forum closing remarks**
Lesley Giles, Director, Work Advance and Lead, Skills and Employment, Creative Industries Policy and Evidence Centre
Jessica Lear, Senior Researcher, Westminster Media Forum