

Creative Industries Advisory Group established

✘ The Scottish Government has set up The Creative Industries Advisory Group to advise Ministers on supporting the sector in Scotland.

Industry leaders from across the country have been invited to become members. The final membership will be announced shortly and the first meeting is expected to take place in the first part of 2017.

Culture Secretary Fiona Hyslop will chair the Advisory Group, which will meet twice a year.

Speaking about the announcement, Ms Hyslop said: “Scotland is renowned for its world leading expertise in creativity and innovative design . The Scottish Government is committed to developing this ingenuity and nurturing the creative industries for generations to come.

“This advisory Group will support more collaborative working by enabling the diverse range of business and entrepreneurs across the creative industries to engage with each other and with Government to discuss and advise on high-level issues of relevance to the whole sector.

“I want to hear directly about the successes, issues and priorities the sector is experiencing so we can collectively take a strategic view on how the Scottish Government and its public agencies can further support the creative industries sector as a whole.”

The Scottish Government says that the creative industry sector in Scotland has great significance with over 73.600 people employed in it in 2015. The GVA in 2014 was £3.7 billion.

A Creative Industries Strategy for 2016-17 was published by Creative Scotland on 17 May 2016 which you can read here



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