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Submitted to **A Culture Strategy for Scotland**

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A vision for culture in Scotland

1 What is your view of the Vision as set out above?

Support the vision

2 If you have any further comments on the Vision, please provide them below. What do you like, or dislike, or what would you change?

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The vision is certainly an extensive one and its primary aim of inclusivity is to be commended. We particularly like the broad definition of culture and the emphasis on culture as something which enables and fosters societal health and wellbeing. The stress on the inclusivity of community is key. Given that, we would like to have seen a more explicit reference to older persons. This is especially important given emerging evidence both in terms of the health benefits of cultural engagement for older individuals and equally the necessity of addressing stereotypical and often discriminatory assumptions associated with older people in culture, both as performers and participants.

We concur with the emphasis on culture as a contributor to both individual and personal well-being. We acknowledge the statement on equality, diversity and inclusion but given their significance to Scotland, we would suggest that there is an inclusion of an emphasis upon human rights and the extent to which culture needs to be inclusive of all rights-holders and is itself an enabling of the fulfilment of individual and societal human rights.

Transforming through culture

3 What is your view of the ambition, 'Transforming through culture'?

Support ambition

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We find this to be a strong part of the Strategy. In particular we are pleased that there is a particular acknowledgement of the role of community groups and enterprises in contributing to Scotland's cultural landscape and heritage. We would note, especially, that many of these groups are dependent upon older persons as volunteers to enable their flourishing and success. We would have liked to have seen a greater appreciation of the dramatic ageing of the Scottish population over the next couple of decades and what this specifically might mean for Scotland's culture. We would have liked to have seen mention of what the fact that many more people will be living with long-term conditions such as dementia might mean for participation, performance and contribution. In particular it would have been good to have had a recognition that in many of the hundreds of care homes across Scotland there is a growing culture of artistic participation and contribution. Indeed whilst there is a recognition (page 19 and passim) of the need to prioritise education, young people and children there is no such equivalent emphasis of the same for older persons. We believe this is regrettable and a significant omission.

In noting the importance of national and local government funding we believe that there is an opportunity to highlight the reality that if the arts and culture are to flourish within Scotland that there needs to be an appreciation of the necessity of funding that growth. This is both in terms of a focus on those who as professionals work and perform in care homes and in community settings, but also in the nurturing of new talent and contribution regardless of age. The adequate resourcing of the cultural diversity of Scotland's older population needs to be a key element of this Strategy.

The Aims are laudable and appropriate and we would especially note Aim 3 but might add social care as a factor.

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Empowering through culture

6 What is your view of the ambition, 'Empowering through culture'?

Don't know

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In a similar observation to above, we note the emphasis on page 27 of improving access, participation and engagement of young people and children from

excluded groups and communities. Given that a significant number of Scotland's older population are living in poverty we would like to see a similar emphasis on their participation and engagement within the Strategy. Whilst there is brief reference to ageing as a factor alongside disability we do not feel this to be sufficiently robust given the proportionate numbers.

We are pleased that Action 2 notes care homes but would also suggest that this needs to also prioritise supporting people who are in their own homes and unable to access other opportunities to engage in and with culture. Equally the emphasis upon place is very laudable but this must be inclusive of all senses of identity.

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Sustaining culture

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One in 13 Scots are employed in social care services both in care homes and in the community. In recognition of the importance of skills development we would suggest that the Culture Strategy needs to acknowledge the key role that the indirect workforce plays in embedding, developing and contribution to Scotland's culture. The adequate resourcing of projects to enable this would be a constructive contribution.

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We would particularly commend to the writing group the extensive work undertaken by Luminate across all parts of Scotland to enhance the cultural contribution and engagement of Scotland's older persons. See <https://www.luminatescotland.org>

In our own work Scottish Care has attempted to annually commission a piece of work which is built on the inclusive, co-design, participation and engagement of older persons. One such work is 'Directed by North Merchiston' – a series of short films made in a care home by and with the residents and created by Duncan Cowles, in partnership with Luminate. See <http://www.scottishcare.org/resources/directed-by-north-merchiston/>

13 What can you or your organisation do to support the vision, aims, ambitions and actions of the strategy?

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Scottish Care is committed to ensuring that the care and support of some of our most vulnerable citizens contributes to the vision and aims of the Culture Strategy. Whilst at times this may appear tangential, we are convinced that personal and individual health and wellbeing is deeply influenced by and contributes to cultural wellbeing. We will be open to working with any agency that can support us in this work and would be happy to work in furthering the aims of the Strategy.

14 What do you think success for the strategy will look like?

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A culturally vibrant Scotland where every person, regardless of age, finds their space and place to create, contribute, participate and perform, experience and encounter.

Monitoring the Impact of the Strategy

15 What is your view of the proposed approach to monitoring and evaluating the strategy set out in section 5?

Don't support approach

16 If you have further comments on the proposed monitoring and evaluation approach, please provide them below.

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This is a critical element to the Strategy. However we would suggest that this needs to go further and become a Human Rights and Equality Impact assessment. Human rights are much broader than the Equality Act protected characteristics. A range of public agencies in Scotland are committing to ensuring that the legal and societal duties embodied in the Human rights Act are assessed within activities. We believe that this should also be the case for the Culture Strategy. Further information can be gleaned from the Scottish Human Rights Commission and at <http://eqhria.scottishhumanrights.com>

Other comments

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Impact Assessments

18 Do you think the partial Equality Impact Assessment has identified where the strategy might impact on people differently depending on characteristics such as age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sexual orientation or gender identity?

Not Answered

19 If you have further comments on the Equality Impact Assessment, please provide them below. For example, what would you add or change?

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20 Do you think the partial Children's Rights and Welfare Impact Assessment sets out how the proposals presented in the strategy might impact on the rights and welfare of children?

Not Answered

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The Strategy is indeed appreciative of the range of levels of both material and non-material deprivation which exist in Scotland. We have commented throughout that the particular needs of older persons needs to be more acknowledged in this Strategy. This is especially the case when one considers the levels of material and non-material deprivation and negative impacts on mental health and well-being which are currently being experienced by older persons across Scotland. In particular given the demographic trend in Scotland we feel this, together with an appreciation of issues of rurality and remoteness for older persons, needs to be more emphasised than it currently is.

23 Do you think the partial Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment identifies how the proposals presented in the Strategy might impact on businesses, the third (voluntary) sector or have any regulatory impact?

Not Answered

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As they stand these seem reasonable, However in terms of language the majority of care services in Scotland are delivered by the 'independent sector', which is services and a workforce not employed by statutory authorities – we feel that the language of the third sector is not sufficiently broad and inclusive.

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Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?

Organisation

What is your organisation?

Organisation:

Scottish Care

The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:

Publish response with name

We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?

Yes

Evaluation

Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)

Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:

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Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:

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