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Maureen Kennelly  
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Dear Maureen,

### **Joint Senedd Committee visit to the Arts Council**

I write on behalf of the Senedd delegation to thank you and your colleagues for the welcome you gave us on our recent visit to your office in Dublin. We found the meeting deeply informative, and useful for our ongoing work on Wales-Ireland relations.

Members were particularly interested to hear about your work in developing and supporting art and culture through the medium of Irish - and Members of my own committee were also struck by the increased investment in the arts in your nation.

As we discussed at the time, my committee has recently undertaken an inquiry looking at the effects of Brexit on artists and creative workers, and we were grateful to you for submitting evidence to assist us in our deliberations. We are in the process of drafting a report which will reflect on all of the evidence we received during that inquiry, and I know that your input will play an integral role in that work.

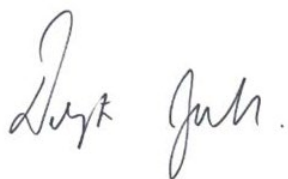
On behalf of the delegation, I would like to express our gratitude to you and your colleagues for your thoughtfulness and time, especially as you were so busy managing your Culture Night. I trust that that was a success.

I have copied this letter to Paul Davies MS, Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, and Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair of the Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee as their Committees were represented on this visit.



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Yours sincerely, a gyda diolch,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Delyth Jewell'.

Delyth Jewell MS  
Committee Chair

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CC: Paul Davies MS, Chair of the Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee  
Llyr Gruffydd MS, Chair of the Senedd's Climate Change, Environment, and Infrastructure Committee