

As we approach the end of the first phase of the *perspectives* discussion I thought it would be useful to re-state the purpose of this conversation. It is about imagining a future national cultural landscape based around the four themes already identified and prioritised by Government. We wanted this particular discussion to address high level ambitions, ideas and innovations that will help to characterize Creative Scotland. Our commitment is to share both the ideas and issues raised through *perspectives* with the new Chairman, Board and CEO of Creative Scotland next year.

We are delighted with the response to *perspectives* and excited about the breadth and quality of the debates that have been generated. The next phase of the *perspectives* conversation will also include face to face discussions in the early part of 2010. Please use this unique opportunity to shape the ambitions and future strategies of Creative Scotland.

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