

Arts & Culture Recovery Taskforce
2nd Meeting
Tuesday 29th September (via Remote VC)
Record of Meeting

1. Update from Chair

The record of the first meeting had been circulated and is now available online.

2. Progress from Working Groups & Recommendations

The Taskforce had been divided into a number of working group to examine specific issues relating to the sector and to bring forward recommendations for all of the taskforce to consider. The following working groups have been established:

1. Restrictions Health and Safety-Audience Confidence Working Group
2. Taxation Working Group
3. Social Welfare Working Group
4. Initiative to create Employment Working Group
5. Local Authorities Working Group
6. Upskilling Working Group

All Working Groups met in the interim. A convener for each of the working groups outlined the preliminary areas that they are examining and the possible recommendations they may propose to the taskforce. The other members of the working groups provided further detail on some of the preliminary recommendations of those working groups, a number of which led to a wider discussion amongst the taskforce.

In a number of instances the working groups cited the need to bring on board outside expertise along with other Government Department's expertise in order to check the viability of certain proposals. The Social Welfare working group in particular highlighted the importance of the Department of Employment Affairs & Social Protection representative as being invaluable in helping to understand the kind of supports that already exist.

3. Group Discussion & Recommendations

In addressing the Minister's request for proposals in the short-term, the Taskforce is aware of the dramatic effect the pandemic restrictions have had across practitioners in the Arts/Culture, AV, Entertainment and Live Events sector and the fact that many are already experiencing incredible difficulties as a result of the loss of work and income. The meeting felt that while recommendations are at an early stage of development, there are broad themes which can be identified as priorities. It was agreed that the Chair would prepare a letter to the Minister based on the discussion, and circulate to the Taskforce. This will

facilitate Taskforce in continuing its examination and development of these and other recommendations over the coming weeks.

4. Template for Recommendations

The Chair proposed that each working group should try and follow a certain template for its recommendations in order to demonstrate to all of the taskforce the rationale behind the recommendation and its likely outcome if enacted. This was agreed by the members.

5. AOB

There was no further business.

6. Date of future meetings

The next meeting are at 2.00pm Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th October 2020.