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Cultural Commission

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Dear Mr Boyle,

In answer to the five points raised in your recent letter, I make the following comments.

Education Cultural knowledge and artistic, cultural and social skills should primarily be developed in school. Teaching from a Scottish perspective wherever possible.

Institutional infrastructure Establish links between schools and the numerous autonomous organisations, i.e. RSAMD, Scottish Storytelling, College of Piping, library services, museums, festivals, art galleries.....

Delivery and access This comes down to organisation & funding.

Marketing and promotion Needs a re-vamped Arts Council - with adequate funding and joined-up thinking!

Encouraging creativity A fully networked support system must be established, well organised and properly funded. The talent is out there, it just needs to be brought into the fold and nurtured.

The concept of "Cultural Rights" is quite simple. Everyone should have equal access, whether living at Kinlochbervie or the Central Belt - and at an affordable price!

Yours sincerely,

John Bawington