Minutes of the meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Performing Arts Education and Training 14 September 2021, 2.30-3.30pm, by Zoom



- 1. The Group was welcomed to this meeting of the APPG for Performing Arts Education and Training by Simon Baynes MP (Chair). Attendees included: Simon Baynes MP, Sion Davies (Office of Simon Baynes MP), David Warburton MP, Ceyda Ismail (Office of Lord Taylor) and Glyndwr Jones (CDMT Director). Apologies were received from Lord Aberdare, Lord Clancarty, Lord Clement-Jones, Baroness Wilcox of Newport, and Lord Vaizey, all of whom were active in a House of Lords debate at the time.
- 2. The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed to be an accurate record of the discussions that took place.
- 3. The action points and subsequent actions from the last meeting were as follows.
 - 3.1 Lord Aberdare to forward the paper *Integrating primary and secondary arts education with the work of awarding organisations offering graded examinations* to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System. This has been progressed and we await a response to a request for a follow up meeting on the matter.
 - 3.2 CDMT to prepare draft parliamentary questions on the issues faced by providers of the Dance and Drama Awards (DaDA). These have been produced and circulated in advance of this meeting.
 - 3.3 CDMT to draft a letter for Simon Baynes MP to invite further parliamentarians to join the Group. A letter was prepared and circulated, and has received a positive response from recipients including a number of new recruits.
- 4. The first bulletin of the APPG for Performing Arts Education and Training.
 - 4.1 This was presented for comment and approval before circulation. The Group discussed the bulletin and confirmed its content to be an accurate representation of the activities to date. Simon Baynes MP thanked CDMT for arranging the production and design of the document, and it was agreed that it should circulated widely.

Action point: CDMT and Simon Baynes MP to circulate more widely the first bulletin of the APPG for Performing Arts Education and Training.

- 5. Statistical survey of vocational training provision at CDMT Accredited Schools.
 - 5.1 CDMT presented the above document to the Group, which details the outcomes of a statistical survey undertaken by CDMT Accredited Schools and highlights the excellent professional training offered by these providers.
 - 5.2 The Group was impressed by the persuasive data included in the document, and agreed that the excellence of training at these establishments should be promoted and preserved for future young professionals. It was understood that the survey will form the basis of other parliamentary questions going forward.

Action point: CDMT to circulate the statistical survey of vocational training provision at CDMT Accredited Schools.

- 6. Next steps.
 - The Group discussed the action points above, as well as preparations for its first Annual General Meeting in January 2022. Further, Simon Baynes MP and Glyndwr Jones (CDMT) hope to begin planning for a reception at the Houses of Parliament, during May or June 2022 (in line with government guidance on Covid-19) with the purpose of highlighting the Group's mission and activities to date.

Action point: Simon Baynes MP and CDMT to begin planning for a reception at the Houses of Parliament to highlight the Group's mission and activities.

7. Simon Baynes MP thanked all in attendance for their support. The next meeting will be held in mid-January, with a date to be circulated soon.