

Letter to the Culture Secretary from the Disability Arts Community Accessible Summary



On 9th June 2020 a letter was sent to Olivier Dowden from people involved with Disability Arts in the U.K.



Oliver Dowden is a politician. He is the Culture Secretary who is in charge of helping the arts in the U.K.

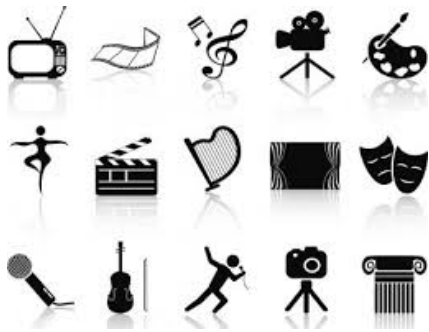


The people who wrote the letter are worried about how the Coronavirus is affecting disabled artists and organisations.



This is an easy read summary to help you learn about what the letter says.

The Letter



Who sent the letter?

The letter was sent by a big group of people who are a part of Disability Arts in the U.K.

This includes disability theatre companies, disabled actors and performers, disabled artists and comedians, supported studios, disabled musicians and directors, disabled writers and curators and many more!



What does the letter say?

The letter explains that disabled people are very important to art and culture in the U.K.

But the recent coronavirus has badly affected disabled people in the arts. They have experienced struggles with earning money and living independently.

The letter wants to tell Oliver Dowden about these struggles and to ask for help.



Why is this important?

Disabled people are asking to be included in important conversations. They want to stay in the arts but need better support.

Helpful Words 👍



Disability Arts

Disability Arts is art made by disabled people which tells us something about what it is like to be disabled.

This picture is by a disabled artist called Sue Austin.



Coronavirus

Coronavirus is a new illness caused by a virus. A virus can make you sick or unwell. People have been staying at home to avoid getting coronavirus.



We Shall Not Be Removed

'We shall not be removed' is the slogan for UK Disability Arts Alliance, the people who wrote the letter.

It means that disabled people will not be removed or ignored from art and culture.

They want to be heard and included.

Helpful Resources

Watch a video on Disability Arts made by NDACA
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=20&v=b50RtHfaAFg&feature=emb_logo

Disability Arts Online website. This has lots of information about Disability Arts
<http://disabilityarts.online/>

Unlimited website. They help disabled artists make new work
<https://weareunlimited.org.uk/>

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