

10th June 2025

Rachel Reeves Chancellor of the Exchequer

Dear Rachel,

Visual Arts are an incredibly important part of Brighton's cultural and tourism offers but from conversations I am having in my constituency it is clear that artists and organisations working in the sector are under immense pressures.

I'm writing on behalf of my constituents, including the fantastic Phoenix Arts Space who have written below, urging you to consider and adopt the recommendations outlined in the newly published report Framing the Future, to help achieve the UK's wider growth and renewal agenda. These proposals include:

- A UK Cultural Investment Partnership Fund to protect public sector infrastructure and support at-risk organisations
- A £5 Million Grassroots Visual Arts Fund to sustain local studios and artist-led initiatives;
- £8.4 million annual investment in National Saturday Clubs to expand access to creative education;
- Restoration of Specialist Subject Funding in Higher Education to protect the creative talent pipeline.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Siân Berry MP

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