



EDINBURGH
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SUMMIT

2018 Edinburgh International Culture Summit

22 – 24 August 2018 Scottish Parliament, Edinburgh

SUGGESTIONS ON THE COMPOSITION OF DELEGATIONS ATTENDING SUMMIT 2018:

Minister – Head of Delegation

The Edinburgh International Culture Summit gathers together Culture Ministers from around the world during Edinburgh's summer festivals in August. This role, as a Cabinet position in Government, is understood to be responsible for cultural policy which often includes arts policy, measures to protect the national heritage and the cultural expression of a country. The Minister may also have a remit for sport, youth issues, or tourism and, in some cases, be responsible for external affairs, education, science and technology policy or communications/media.

The Edinburgh International Culture Summit recognises in some countries there is no Culture Minister or equivalent ministerial position. In such circumstances, the Summit is keen to explore alternative opportunities for an elected member of Government, with a remit for culture, to attend.

Government official

As part of each delegation, the attendance of a senior Government official, with a specific remit for culture, is recommended to accompany the Minister; such as: Ministerial/Special Adviser, Permanent/Assistant/Private Secretary, Departmental Director, Senior Cultural Policy Officer, or similar.

Cultural representative

In addition to Government representation, the Edinburgh International Culture Summit welcomes a senior arts professional, or artist, as part of each delegation which might include a cultural entrepreneur, Director, Deputy Director, Head of Arts or Cultural Policy, Senior Researcher from organisations such as: Arts Council, Arts & Business organisation, Creative Industries agency; Cultural Institute; International Affairs office; museum or gallery.

Youth delegate

The 2018 Edinburgh International Culture Summit encourages an integrated and international participation of youth delegates, through the inclusion of a young person as a member of each delegation. To allow the widest participation and be as inclusive as possible, we suggest an age range of 16–26 in recognition of Scotland’s Year of Young People. This delegate should be:

- committed to the cultural sector through demonstrable experience
- an advocate able to speak on behalf of young people in their country
- connected to youth and/or cultural projects in their country
- involved in youth and/or cultural projects in their country in a paid, or voluntary, leadership role

We plan to open up a dialogue between the youth delegates and Scotland’s National Youth Arts Advisory Group prior to the Summit which will include asking youth delegates to make a short video in response to the question “What does culture mean to me in my country?” There will also be opportunities for both groups to get together throughout the Summit.

Emma Ruse who attended in 2016 commented on her experience:

“ Participating in Edinburgh International Culture Summit 2016 was an incredible opportunity which allowed me to expand my connections and help showcase the value of young people. I developed confidence in sharing and valuing my opinions as well as representing my country as a young person. ”