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Dear Colleagues

You would wish to be aware that at the meeting of the RBGE Board on the 5th October 2016 our Trustees made the decision that it is no longer feasible to run Inverleith House as a gallery dedicated to contemporary art. The increasingly challenging financial environment warrants a refocus on botanical and horticultural programmes and to increase our self-generated income.

[redacted] and [redacted] will remain part of the Public Engagement Team, and we will continue to include creative arts events in our exhibitions programme; I am confident that our reputation as an arts venue will endure. Over the next few months we will review how we can maximise the income potential of Inverleith House as part of our continuing effort to grow our self-generated revenue.

Over the last 30 years Inverleith House became recognised for the quality of its contemporary visual art exhibitions and the Board and Senior Management are most appreciative of the dedication and expertise of [redacted], and the impressive contributions of [redacted] and her predecessors - supported by other members of staff and many volunteers.

I should stress that this was a difficult decision and it was reached after much deliberation and thought. I recognise that this is a challenging time for the Staff concerned and I am sure they can count on and would appreciate the support of all the RBGE team.



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