

I hope you're well?

I'm writing to you in relation to National Theatre Wales and the devastating cut to its funding.

There is no doubt that I am not alone in the shock and disappointment I feel at this decision, as a freelance creative and theatre goer in Wales.

We've had to wait a long time to get our National Theatre in this country and apart from the platform it provides for diverse Welsh voices in the arts, their work has been hugely beneficial to communities throughout the country. National Theatre Wales has given so many opportunities for Wales to explore its identity and diversity through the arts, and as a country we deserve these opportunities to showcase our stories.

I don't dare to guess the logic behind the decision but please could I urge you to ask the questions and do everything in your power to ensure that we get to keep our National Theatre? I did notice that ACW have announced a review of Welsh language theatre which logically should happen with NTW in place.

I appreciate your thoughts and look forward to your response.

Diolch yn fawr

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