

Dear Clive Jones,

We are writing to you in solidarity and agreement with the recent open letter sent to National Theatre Wales and yourself by a group of Welsh playwrights. We, in the acting community, sympathise with the issues raised and also feel it is time for a public discussion about the purpose of NTW.

NTW as an Arts Organisation is an inherent part of our work-life landscape; a place many of us have collaborated with old friends and new. Its presence is imperative to our professional careers and more importantly to our artistic heritage. We especially share the concerns of the playwright signatories in regard to the recent low production rate and audience engagement. Many of us now feel a drastic disconnect from what once felt like a thriving and engaging theatrical forum that championed Welsh work and artists.

In the aforementioned letter the playwrights suggested aims and objectives were –

- **All shows produced by National Theatre Wales have a Welsh or Wales based artist as primary artist.**
- **Non-Welsh and Wales based artists and companies need to be (1) world-class and (2) engaged only to support a Welsh or Wales based artist.**
- **A National Theatre Wales show has to have theatre in it.**

We support all of the above motions and would like to add our own proposed objectives, which include -

- **NTW commits to where possible (and appropriate), hiring the very best Welsh or Wales based actors and performers or those that have trained in Wales.** If that pool is not diverse enough to fulfil the roles NTW is creating, then we suggest that the company needs to invest in those marginalised communities within Wales to rectify that issue long-term – such as creating a diversity bursary for under-represented Welsh performers.
- **NTW creates work that has strong narrative with parts created that excite and encourage world-class Welsh actors to want to work with the company.** We would like to see work produced on a much more ambitious scale I.e. longer runs with a bigger audience reach and plays produced that have the ability to engage an international audience.

We have been encouraged by the willingness of NTW and Arts Council Wales to listen and engage with the concerns of its artists in recent weeks. We remain hopeful that this period of debate and scrutiny will encourage growth, positive change and once again strengthen the bond that already binds us together.

Yours sincerely,

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Annes Elwy

Ben McGregor

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Bethan Mai

Bethan Witcomb

Bethany Gwyn

Betrys Jones

Bill Belamy

Caitlin Mckee

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Caroline Sheen

Caryl Morgan

Carys Eleri

Catherine Ayers

Catherine Morris

Catherine Mort

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Chris Hoskins
Chris Morgan
Claire Cage
Craig Gallivan
Crisian Emmanuel
Dafydd Llyr Thomas
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Daniel Graham
Daniel Lloyd
Dean Rehman
Dion Davies
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Dyfan Dwyfor
Dyfrig Morris
Dylan Williams
Edward Llewellyn
Eiry Jones
Elin Haf Davies
Elin Llwyd
Elin Phillips
Emlyn Gomer
Emyr Wyn
Erin Richards
Falmai Jones
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Ffion Wyn Bowen
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Gareth Elis
Gareth David Potter
Gareth Pierce
Gareth Tempest
Gareth Warren
Garmon Rhys
Georgia Theodoulou
Geraint Rhys Edwards
Gethin Alderman
Gillian Elisa
Gruffudd Glyn
Gruffydd Evans
Gwawr Loader
Gwydion Rhys
Gwyn Vaughan Jones
Gwyneth Keyworth
Hanna Jarman
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Hannah Good
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Heledd Gwynn
Huw Blainey
Huw Davies
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Liane Mary Walters
Lisa Diveny
Lisa Jên Brown
Lisa Marged
Lisa Palfrey
Llinor ap Gwynedd
Lloyd Everitt
Lois Meleri Jones

Lorna Rose Harris
Louise Collins
Lowri Hamer
Lowri Izzard
Lowri Palfrey
Lowri Walton
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Mali Harries
Mali Tudno Jones
Manon Eames
Manon Vaughan Wilkinson
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Owen Pugh

Paisley Jackson

Rachel Redford

Rebecca Harries

Rebecca Lewis

Remy Beasley

Rhian Blythe

Rhian Jones

Rhidian Marc

Rhys Ifans

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Rhys Rusbach

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Sion Eifion.
Sion Ifan
Sion Pritchard
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