

Arts and Culture Parliamentary Fellowship



Go behind the scenes for a unique insight into England's arts and culture sector.



Culture

theatres, museums, galleries, festivals, libraries, music, dance, literature



Education

schools, apprenticeships, skills, life-long learning



Society

communities, regeneration, health & well-being, cultural diplomacy



Economy

jobs, creative industries, growth, tourism, trade

Be involved behind the scenes

What is it?

Arts and culture inspire and educate us, enrich our lives, benefit society and contribute to the economy. The Arts and Culture Parliamentary Fellowship gives parliamentarians a unique, behind-the-scenes insight into how the industry works. Fellows will:

- Gain first-hand experience of how the sector operates – whether taking part in a cultural education project with their local school, selling ice creams in the interval or shadowing high-profile press launches.
- Explore all aspects of day-to-day work, from financial planning to the creative process.
- Learn about the benefits, challenges and opportunities the industry faces.

How does it work?

The fellowship is delivered by Arts Council England in partnership with the Industry and Parliament Trust. Fellows spend 7 days over two years with arts organisations, museums, libraries and creative businesses, looking at the aspects of the sector that most interest them. The fellowship can be done on its own or as part of the 18-day Industry and Parliament Trust Fellowship which provides parliamentarians with opportunities to learn about a wide range of industries, tailored to their interests.

What do fellows do?

As fellows explore the issues that matter to them, each fellowship is different. Whether it's the economic impact of jobs, tourism, trade and local regeneration; the benefits to education of work with schools, young people, apprenticeships and life-long learning; the role of culture in society, increasing health & well-being, community cohesion and the UK's role worldwide; or the intrinsic value of culture.

The Arts Council works with an unparalleled network of cultural organisations across England to produce a varied programme of visits and experiences.

A selection of activities



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Apprentices

Join apprentices at an opera house as they make sets and costumes.



Health

Talk to NHS staff or those delivering arts projects helping treat patients.



Schools

Join a constituency school for a learning project at a local library.



Commercial

See how the shop brings in commercial revenue at a gallery.



Marketing & Press

Map out the marketing and press plans for a local literature festival.



Funding

See how decisions about arts funding are made at an Arts Council panel.



International

Help plan an orchestra's next international tour to China.



Tourism

Watch the world-class ballet that attracts tourists to the UK.



Digital

Assist technical staff with a live cinema broadcast from a major theatre.



Finances

Shadow a museum's CEO as they plan finances for a major capital project.

Why you should get involved

Why take part?

Parliamentarians can make a real difference to arts and culture in their constituencies and beyond. By taking part in the fellowship they see how organisations operate, learn about the opportunities and challenges they face and understand the impact of government policies. They bring an understanding of arts and culture to Parliament and create a partnership between politics and the arts.

What if I can't commit to 7 days?

Arts Council England can arrange one-off visits to arts and culture organisations for parliamentarians who would like to support arts and culture without committing to the full 7 days. These can form part of a Fellowship with the Industry and Parliament Trust.

Want to get involved?

To find out more or sign up, contact the Stakeholder team at Arts Council England:
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