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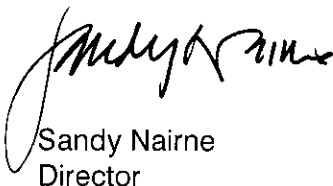
Dear Mark Bunting

I am writing to support the case being made by Channel 4 for its future funding arrangements. The Channel does much work in the cultural arena which is hugely valuable in bringing the arts to a wider audience.

More particularly the Channel has been a partner with the National Portrait Gallery in creating high quality material (I am thinking here of the Self-Portrait project) which has been of international scope and importance.

For the Channel to be able to continue in these kinds areas of work - which are more rather than less expensive - it needs to be able to continue with its public service remit and its dedication to innovation. As the director of one of our national collections, I regard Channel 4 as an essential partner in expanding and developing the arts in this country.

With best wishes,
Yours sincerely



Sandy Nairne
Director