



Ms. Rhona Parry
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Dear Ms. Parry,

**Re: Bruiser Theatre Company, Northern Ireland response to the consultation:
Ofcom's Second Public Service Broadcasting Review.
Phase One: The Digital Opportunity consultation.**

Bruiser Theatre Company produces innovative live performance, combining text and physical theatre techniques. We encourage an environment for the exchange of ideas and collaboration between arts practitioners in production and we are committed to touring, workshop development and teaching to encourage a greater access to theatre. We operate an extensive education programme.

In response to your consultation and in relation to your main objective of furthering the interests of citizen-consumers; in particular, developing "*a new broadcasting licensing regime to foster self-regulation and broaden citizen/consumer choice*" we would recommend that Ofcom considers acceptance of local community television as public service broadcasters.

We have first hand experience of the social and artistic benefits that the arts and community media can deliver. Empowering citizens of all ages to become content providers and creating media which reflects and raises awareness of local issues and interests constitutes a valuable public service. It enhances the skills base, encourages a sense of place and ownership of the city and has the potential to foster greater citizenship.

In relation to the development of local television in Belfast, we should be grateful if Ofcom would support NvTv being carried on Freeview as a local public service broadcaster. Such a development would ensure that everyone in the city has access to a valuable local service and would support the efforts of all of us who are seeking to nurture the city's cultural and creative assets and talent.

Yours sincerely

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