

Dear Rhona Parry,

In response to your consultation - *Second Public Service Broadcasting Review – Phase One: The Digital Opportunity 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.

I have been a volunteer and a supporter of Northern Visions/NvTv and have contributed to local television programming on the station, as part of their Active Citizenship programme. NvTv's aim is to increase freedom of expression through the creative and imaginative use of television and encourages individuals and groups from the private, community, voluntary and public sector to produce their own ideas for films for broadcasting.

Empowering citizens to become content providers and creating media which reflects and raises awareness of local issues and interests constitutes a valuable public service. It enhances skills, 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, I would 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 nurture the city's cultural and creative assets and talent.

Yours sincerely
Cate Conway
NVTv Volunteer