

National Cultural Policy Submission

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Individual



Short submission (text box 500 words or less)

Hi my name is [REDACTED] I am Maori living in [REDACTED] currently and I work as a hip hop teacher and a cafe manager.

I have spent my entire life dancing and have a 3 year dance degree. I have spent thousands of dollars on performing arts classes, intensives, mentorship's and events so I can become a working artist.

I have managed to secure a job as a dance teacher in [REDACTED] but it's not enough to pay all my bills so I also work in a cafe.

I see a big gap for creatives in the working industry. Dance is a growing form of entertainment, personal health, fitness and wellbeing for people but the working industry hasn't been able to keep up with the speed of growth.

The communities grow and we need support systems to keep this crucial part of society alive.

People need to get back what they've worked so hard for. There needs to be more government support for dancers so we can create more jobs.

Thank you so much for listening.