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“April skies are in your eyes but darling, don’t be blue...” Spring is definitely here and the NCA has been a particularly busy bee, cross-pollinating information from our members to our policy makers and vice versa.....

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- NCA London Advocacy Seminar
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NCA delegation to Andy Burnham

The NCA recently lead a delegation of arts representatives to meet the new Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Secretary of State, Rt Hon Andy Burnham MP. The meeting, also attended by the Minister for Culture, Rt Hon Margaret Hodge MBE MP, was an opportunity to discuss proposals in the McMaster Review and the recently announced Find Your Talent scheme, to draw attention to the strategic and structural relationship between local authorities, funding bodies and arts organisations, as well as to highlight the sector’s concerns on funding. Margaret Hodge announced that the DCMS was in the process of completing an internal review of all its sponsored bodies in the regions, with a view to creating a clearer, more efficient infrastructure to support the arts and culture in the regions. The meeting was extremely positive and concluded with the Secretary of State stating that he would welcome similar meetings on a quarterly basis.

NCA London Advocacy Seminar

The NCA was delighted by the turn out for the advocacy seminar on 31 March and would like to thank Tate Modern for hosting the event. Feedback from the event suggests that those who attended found the afternoon a useful one and that there is a demand for more, focussed, events of this kind. A note of the meeting will be available on the website shortly.

Visa seminar

It was great to see so many NCA members at the visa seminar at Bates, Wells & Braithwaite (BWB) on 27 March. The NCA would like to thank BWB for their kind hospitality in hosting the event. Members who were not able to attend can request the information pack by emailing Chloë Reddaway on creddaway@artscampaign.org.uk or calling 020 7287 3777.

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The NCA is the UK's only independent campaigning organisation representing all the arts. It provides a voice for the arts world in all its diversity. It seeks to safeguard, promote and develop the arts and win public and political recognition for their importance as a key element in our national culture.

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