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To whom it may concern,

Announced in July, the Culture Recovery Fund will see Britain's globally renowned arts, culture and heritage industries receive a total of £1.57 billion to help them weather coronavirus and come back stronger, protecting jobs and safeguarding a much cherished sector for future generations.

Following dialogue between Sir Edward Leigh MP and the team at Trinity Arts Centre, an application is being made for funding to provide financial support over the next financial year, enabling it to bounce back and recover after having to close its doors due to coronavirus.

Trinity Arts Centre is central to the cultural life of Gainsborough and has been cherished and enjoyed by our community for many years. Significant progress had been made on improving the cultural offer of the centre and deliver high quality, accessible arts in one of the most deprived neighbourhoods in the UK.

I fully support the bid to provide financial stability, recover lost box office income due to the pandemic, support the livelihoods of the centre's staff, support delivery of a new programme for 2021 and build capacity and resilience with essential equipment which in the short term assists with social distancing requirements. I particularly welcome the ambition for Trinity Arts Centre to be 'net to landfill'.

I know this year has been difficult for everyone due to the coronavirus, but we must not let fantastic venues like this close and be lost to future generations, which is why I am writing to your organisation asking that you look favourably on their application for support.

Regards,

Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Leigh MP
Member of Parliament for the Gainsborough Constituency