



Long Live Southbank  
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Rick Haythornthwaite (Chairman)  
Board of Governors  
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10<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Dear Mr Haythornthwaite,

We can confirm we have now been contacted by Southbank Centre CEO, Alan Bishop, regarding a meeting. However, the letter is unclear in terms of the meeting structure and set up and who exactly would be in attendance. We assume we will be provided with details of the invitees and agenda with ample notice?

Given the very different roles, obligations and responsibilities of the Board and the CEO, we suggest two meetings: one with the Board of Governors, and one with the CEO and other parties.

I can confirm the availability of Simon Ricketts and Paul Richards as follows:

**W/C 17<sup>th</sup> March:** 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30 / 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00-5:30  
**W/C 24<sup>th</sup> March:** 24<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:30 / 25<sup>th</sup> 10:30-5:30  
**W/C 31<sup>st</sup> March:** 31<sup>st</sup> 1:00-5:30 / 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30-5:00 / 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:30-2:30 / 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00-5:30

In his letter, Mr Bishop asks if we think 'any other users of the space should attend'. To be clear, Long Live Southbank's 100,000-plus members are made up of all users of the Undercroft – from the regular daily users to the less frequent and ad hoc – including: skateboarders, BMXers, street artists, graffiti artists, photographers, filmmakers, unicyclists, traceurs/free runners, rollerbladers, scooter users, dancers and others. We wish to avoid you revisiting the statement in your letter of 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013 where you question our 'credentials in purporting to represent all users of the QEH Undercroft'. Our 12-month campaign and messages published on our social media and independently online should leave no one in any doubt in terms of our representation. In addition, and as our campaign has clearly shown, we are also very much supported by a very wide spectrum of the creative arts and cultural community, including performers and practitioners who use the Southbank Centre spaces and venues. We also have support from Southbank Centre Members and Southbank Centre staff, as well as teachers, students, local residents, tourists and other visitors to the South Bank area, many of whom are also LLSB members.

As the Board of Governors of the Southbank Centre you have yet to reply to our question of recognition of the security of the QEH Undercroft future, and the removal of the threat of closing the Undercroft as detailed in the 'unilateral undertaking' dated 25th October 2013, which states that on the 31st December 2014 'the Owner shall close the QEH Undercroft and terminate its use for the Permitted Uses with immediate effect'. We very much look forward to receiving a response on this.

Kind regards,

S Blayney  
On behalf of Long Live Southbank members and supporters