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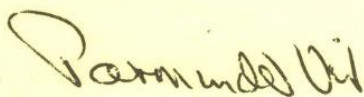
Dear Colleagues

Welcome to the conference "Black Artists, White Institutions". We hope that for all participants this will be a major step towards achieving a significant black intervention into mainstream arts. For the G.L.C. Arts and Recreation Committee, this conference also represents a very important policy development for the implementation of equal opportunities in the arts.

Enclosed you will find a number of policy papers produced over the last few years, which we hope will inform conference discussion. Taken together the papers provide the foundations both for the G.L.C.'s attack on racism in the arts and its creation of an independent black arts sector through its grant aid programmes.

We hope the conference will encourage all arts institutions to take up active equal opportunity policies and for those who are already pursuing them to take the challenge even further.

Best wishes



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