**All-Party Parliamentary Media Group**

**Annual report 2024**

**Introduction**

This document provides details of the activities, management and future plans of the All-Party Parliamentary Media Group (APPMG). This includes details of events held during the period March 2023 to March 2024; the governance and leadership of the APPMG; details of future events; and details of how its activities have been managed during the aforementioned period.

**APPMG officers**

The officers of the APPMG during the period 8 March 2023 – 19 March 2024 have built to currently be as follows:

Chair: Andy Carter MP (Con)

Vice-Chairs: Sir Peter Bottomley MP (Con)

Mark Pritchard MP (Con)

Baroness Bonham-Carter (LD)

Lord Foster of Bath (LD)

Lord Birt (CB)

Rt Hon Sir Roger Gale MP (Con)

Alex Davies-Jones MP (Lab)

Mark Logan MP (Con)

Baroness Bottomley (Con)

Christine Jardine MP (SNP)

Jamie Stone MP (LD)

Owen Thompson MP (SNP)

Lord Cromwell (CB)

Lord Inglewood (Non-affiliated)

Lord Dykes (CB)

Lord Strathcarron (Con)

Alun Cairns MP (Con) (until September 2023)

Dr Lisa Cameron MP (SNP) (until September 2023)

**Secretariat**

The APPMG secretariat has been provided by [Whitehouse Communications](https://whitehousecomms.com/), which has run the APPMG’s programme for more than 20 years.

**APPMG sponsorship**

The running of the APPMG has been sponsored by the following companies during the period March 2022 – March 2023.

* Global
* News UK
* NewsNow
* ScreenSkills
* Bauer
* Pact
* Three (until January 2024)
* All3Media
* Taylor Wessing
* Small Green Shoots (as of September 2023)

**Financial Statement**

The Group has received no income and incurred no expenditure. It receives the support of Whitehouse Communications Ltd as a benefit in kind whose work is funded and costs are met by the above sponsors as declared in the Register.

**APPMG activities:**

During this period, the APPMG has undertaken the following events and activities:

* 21 March 2023: ScreenSkills and the Film Skills Council pre-reception and dinner
* 3 July 2023: The Digital Markets Unit and the UK’s Media Ecosystem
* 13 September 2023: Audience protection and empowerment: Netflix, BBFC age ratings and the Media Bill
* 5 September 2023: Subscription services in the DMCC Bill: in conversation
* 7 February 2024: Media APPG Annual Reception
  + Speakers:
    - Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lucy Frazer
    - Ofcom Chief executive Dame Melanie Dawes
    - Competition and Markets Authority Chief Executive Sarah Cardell
    - Creative Industries Council co-chair Peter Bazalgette
    - Chair, Andy Carter MP

**APPMG future activities**

The secretariat is working to confirm the following for the Group’s 2024 events programme:

* Developing skills and growing talent in the creative industries
* Virtual roundtable on media plurality and media literacy