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To Whom It May Concern:

Race Equality North Somerset (RENS) is delighted to support Jamie Dormer-Durling and the Common Waves CIC proposal to deliver an exciting and inclusive 12-month programme that elevates the diverse stories of Weston-super-Mare alongside those of internationally renowned artists.

We know Jamie's work well, through his numerous and very successful previous projects carried out with local partner organisations. We have always been impressed by his personal and professional commitment as well as by his thoughtful and sensitive approach.

RENS, together with Bridging the Gap Together!, NSLGBT+ Forum, Refugee Welcome North Somerset are closely involved with many members of the Refugee and Asylum Seeker communities and the proposed multimedia projects combining photography, stories, songs and artist collaborations are particularly appropriate and much welcomed. These activities are an important and much needed area of work.

During initial discussions, members of the community have shown notable levels of enthusiasm for the project and we are confident that the programme will prove to be of great benefit. It will provide an important statement of respect, recognition and inclusion in an area of social debate that has been fraught with prejudice and othering and will provide a welcome reminder of the principles of genuine cultural inclusivity.

We are grateful to Jamie Dormer-Durling and Common Waves CIC for their foresightedness and inspiration in developing this project and we look forward to the realisation of their vision.

Your sincerely,

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(Trustee, RENS)



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