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Mary Kelly Foy MP  
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Dear Mary Kelly,

Congratulations on leading a fascinating debate on Cultural Opportunities in County Durham. It was insightful to hear from you and other MPs about County Durham's rich culture, from the Durham Miner's Gala to the Durham Fringe. This Government believes that while talent is everywhere, opportunity is not. We are committed to ensuring that arts and culture thrives in every part of the country, including County Durham, with more opportunities for people to engage, benefit from and work in arts and culture where they live.

Please accept my apologies for having to leave once the debate was postponed, this was due to unavoidable travel arrangements.

Thank you also for the invitation to visit County Durham. I have noted the invite and my Private Office will consider it in my forward schedule. Please do let me know if there is a specific event that you would like me to attend.

I will place a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

Many thanks once again.

Yours sincerely,

Stephanie Peacock MP  
**Minister for Sport, Tourism, Civil Society and Youth**

