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The Publishers Association Comments on the Writing the Future Report

Commenting on the Writing the Future report released today PA Chief Executive Richard Mollet said:

“This report highlights the urgent need to make the publishing industry more reflective of its writers and readers. The number of people from BAME backgrounds working in publishing has increased over the past few years. However, clearly more needs to be done.

“The PA, together with the IPG, has taken ownership of the Equality in Publishing (EQUIP) initiative and specifically the Publishing Equalities Charter the aim of which is to help promote equality across UK publishing, bookselling and agenting, by driving forward change and increasing access to opportunities within the industry. We are also working with Creative Access to provide opportunities for paid internships in publishing for young people of graduate (or equivalent standard) from under-represented black, Asian and other minority ethnic backgrounds (BAME). We are proud that out of the over 300 interns Creative Access has placed across the creative industries over 20% have come to work in publishing.”

"The PA will also be working with its member to encourage them and their staff to take up the Creative Skillset Diversity Fund Bursaries as announced yesterday."