

Dear Sir / Madam,

I'm an independent documentary film director and am writing to urge you to consider and recognise the funding challenges facing Channel 4 and the impact that this has on their ability to fulfil their Public Service broadcasting role. I directed a film recently called "We Are Together"

following a group of children affected by AIDS in South Africa, which would never have been possible to make without Channel 4's investment in PSB. I believe it is important that stories such as these still have a place in the Channel's schedules.

I consider Channel 4's role within the PSB sphere to be vital in creating a healthy Public Service output in the UK and am concerned about their ability to make investment in these areas if the market continues to shift funding away from the channel. If action is not taken then I believe it will only be to the detriment of the UK's Public Service output.

This is an urgent problem and I implore you to recognise the importance of the Channel's PSB output, its vulnerability given the shift in markets and I urge you to please help them find a solution to this.

I'd be happy to discuss any of my concerns further with you so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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