

# OCTOBER FILMS

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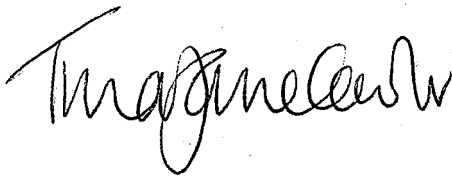
Dear Ms Jowell

## RE: CONSULTATION PROCESS for BBC PLANS FOR BBC 3

October Films is a multi-award winning independent television production company. We have been producing provocative and intelligent documentary films and current affairs programmes for the past 15 years. Many of the films we have made have encouraged vociferous debate, challenged orthodoxy and questioned the British establishment. In short, we believe that our films are never anodyne.

We have had and believe we will continue to have a role to play in the production of programmes for BBC Choice and its successor. Amongst the commissions we have had from the channel is a landmark ten-part 'state of the nation series'. In an industry where training is at best erratic, October Films has had a strong and long-running commitment to fostering new talent. Through this series we have been able to fulfil that commitment and offer support and production expertise to a talented team of programme makers – all of whom are young and part of the Choice demographic. It is unlikely that any other broadcaster would have made such a commitment to the next generation of filmmaker.

We wholeheartedly lend our support to the BBC in this venture. We have read the new proposals for the Channel and remain convinced that Choice, although servicing an already crowded market, will rise to the challenge to produce innovative, intelligent and distinctive programming as BBC 3.



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