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From: Simon Mellor
Sent: 01 February 2017 17:29
To: 'Emma Rice'
Subject: RE: Wise Children... It's in!

Hoorah!

And I am pleased that you felt that I was of help. It was lovely to see you and you certainly didn't seem too destabilised!

Onwards & upwards!!!

See you soon I hope

Simon

-----Original Message-----

From: Emma Rice [mailto:[Section 40\(2\)](mailto:Section 40(2)@artscouncil.org.uk)]
Sent: 01 February 2017 11:59
To: Simon Mellor <Simon.Mellor@artscouncil.org.uk>
Subject: Wise Children... It's in!

Dear Simon,

Before I have lie down in a darkened room after pretty extreme few weeks, can I also take a moment to thank you for the support and generosity you showed me at the end of last year. The conversation with you inspired me to think in a number of positive directions.

As you know, it has been a terribly de stabilising time and your care, interest and encouragement really helped me define my way forward as an artist.

I've loved putting together the new company, the big idea and the bid; it has focussed my thinking, defined my ambition and galvanised my team. I am excited, determined and now happily walking my own path and choosing my own future.

So it's in! What a rollercoaster ride! But whatever happens, thank you!

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From: Simon Mellor
Sent: 27 June 2017 10:57
To: Emma Rice
Subject: Re: Thank you

Delighted to be able to support your next step Onwards & upwards!

Simon

Sent from my iPhone

> On 27 Jun 2017, at 10:55, Emma Rice <[Section 40\(2\)](#)> wrote:

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> Dear friends at the Arts Council,

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> In the calm before the storm, I wanted to say a personal thank you for your support and belief in Wise Children.

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> I am excited and determined beyond words. This new chapter will change lives and I feel truly lucky to have such an amazing team to work with.

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> Heartfelt thanks,

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> Emma x

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