

Ex-NMP: More needs to be done for arts community here

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INVITING Members of Parliament to arts events was one strategy Ms Audrey Wong used in her 21-month stint as a Nominated Member of Parliament (NMP) to promote the arts scene here.

Ms Wong, who is also a programme leader at Lasalle College of the Arts, said she was careful in picking her battles in Parliament.

She said: "I focused on trying to develop an understanding, among policymakers, of the artistic processes and day-to-day concerns of being in the arts sector in Singapore.

"It was probably more fruitful to stick one foot in the door, and keep it open for the future." Rating herself four on a scale of five as an NMP, she told my paper that she would try again for another term.

Ms Wong was speaking to members of the arts community, educators and the media at an Institute of Policy Studies seminar held yesterday at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy in Bukit Timah.

She said that there is more to be done for the arts community here.

Ms Wong said: "The 'foot' in the door is still a tiny foot, and there's more work to be done to keep the door open.

"More intermediaries must be found."