

# Report

## ***SDUK outside London***

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Overall, we think that as SDUK solidifies its policies and practices, we should ensure that there is a nation-wide exchange of ideas, rather than a 'top-down' approach stemming out of a central hub.

Some questions that were raised:

Are Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland 'regions'? (a strong NO was expressed in the group)

What are the membership statistics for directors and their locations?

Does SDUK have a responsibility toward balancing those equations artistically or practically? Is there a case for positive discrimination?

Does London work and/or criticism = validation? Does it have to?

Do we need specific regional and national chapters? How much division weakens the whole?

Should we have regional representatives to mediate grievances? How would they be appointed and accessed?

How will the work of SDUK be structured to accommodate differences in funding and culture?

Some ideas that were agreed upon:

SDUK should advocate for exchanges around the country for ideas, criticism, and maybe tickets. Bus trip anyone?

Ensure that the structure and policies are inclusive rather than hub-centric.

Ensure that the future CEO has a wide-spread presence and experience.

Promote cross-country representation, collaboration and peer-exchanges as well as knowledge and understanding about different parts of the UK.

Hold regional meetings and encourage members to attend meetings outside their base.

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