



## Reaction to Budget: National Outdoor Events Association

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“As an association we do welcome this budget, specifically the extension of the furlough scheme to September 21. However, we continue to be concerned about the lack of event industry specific measures that are put in place.

Event businesses are not able to gain rate relief, as we are not seen as the same as hospitality, equally the new restart loan that was mentioned will not be underwritten for our industry, and we have seen grants for other sectors of industry that are also not available to our own. Even the furlough scheme extension will not support those events that have already had to cancel this year and won't be receiving any income until spring 2022.

Until the government is able to put together specific packages for our sector – in the same way as it has done for others – we will continue to suffer as we have done over the last 12 months.

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