

Professor Sir Michael Barber is appointed a Trustee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts [NESTA]

James Purnell, the Minister for Creative Industries, announced today that Sir Michael Barber has been appointed a NESTA trustee. His term of appointment will run from 6 February 2006 to 5 February 2010.

Biographical notes

Professor Sir Michael Barber joined McKinsey on 1 September 2005 as the Expert Partner in its Global Public Sector Practice. Since then he has led a strategy to enable a major charity strengthen the impact of corporate social responsibility and the education service and worked with the mayor of a major US city to design and implement a performance management system. Prior to joining McKinsey he was (from 2001) Chief Adviser on Delivery to the British Prime Minister, Tony Blair. As Head of the Prime Minister's Delivery Unit he was responsible for the oversight of implementation of the Prime Minister's priority programmes in health, education, transport, policing, the criminal justice system and asylum/immigration. Prior to joining government Michael Barber was a Professor at the Institute of Education, University of London and a prolific author whose major publications include *The Learning Game: Arguments for an Education Revolution* (Indigo 1997), *How to do the Impossible: A Guide for Politicians with a Passion for Education* (Institute of Education, London 1997) and *The Virtue of Accountability* (Boston University 2005).

Background

The role of the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) is to give backing to people of exceptional talent and imagination. Through a range of pioneering programmes, it offers tailored support to enable individuals to explore new ideas, develop new products and services, or experiment with new ways of nurturing creativity in science, technology and the arts. NESTA is committed to sharing its learning, working collaboratively with other interested parties, and thinking imaginatively about how best to remove the obstacles that have prevented the UK's innovative potential from being fulfilled.

NESTA Trustees may claim a daily honorarium of £202, whilst reasonable expenses, incurred as a result of business undertaken on behalf of NESTA will be reimbursed.

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This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.