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Patricia Lankester reappointed to TATE

Patricia Lankester has been reappointed by the Prime Minister for a further four years as a Tate Trustee. Her second term of appointment will start on 13 April 2009.

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Patricia Lankester works independently as a professional adviser in the areas of grant-making, education, heritage and the arts. She taught in North London comprehensive schools and in the USA and then spent eight years running the education department at the National Trust. From 1997-2004 she was Director of the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, a major grant-making trust with an emphasis on working to combat disadvantage through arts and education projects and partnerships. She is Chair of the Tate Liverpool Council and is the Tate liaison trustee at the National Gallery. She is a trustee of the Sage Music Centre in Gateshead, the Foundling Museum, the Eureka! Children's Museum in Halifax and the Hanover Foundation.

Background

Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Tate Trustees are not remunerated.

Reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. But in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations there is a requirement for political activity in the past 5 years (if any declared) to be made public. Patricia Lankester has declared no political activity.