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Patricia Cullen and Karen Tyerman are appointed as Members of The Museums, Libraries And Archives Council (MLA)

Barbara Follett, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Patricia Cullen and Karen Tyerman have been appointed as members of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council. Their terms of appointment will run from 1st July 2009 to 30th June 2013.

Biographical Notes

Patricia Cullen

Patsy Cullen is Emeritus Professor of Learning Innovation at York St John University, where she was Director of Learning and Teaching and Director of the Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning until 2007. Previous roles include those of Head of Learning Resources and Curator of the National Arts Education Archive at Bretton Hall College of Higher Education and Course Leader of the MA Librarianship at Leeds Polytechnic. Patsy is a Fellow of CILIP, a former member of the Chartership Board and currently acts as a Scrutineer and Mentor for candidates for Chartership. A Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, Patsy has been an Accreditor for university programmes in teaching in higher education for some eight years. Patsy was co-founder and Trustee of Commanet: the community archive network until last year. In 2007 she was appointed to the Learning Panel of the National Trust and in 2008 became a Trustee of The Leeds Library, an independent library founded in 1768.

Karen Tyerman

Karen is currently Director for Community Learning in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea where she is responsible for a variety of services for children, young people and adults, ranging from libraries to sports development, from adult learning to teenage pregnancy prevention, and from children's play to youth centres.

Karen has spent her career largely in London boroughs where she has also managed local authority museum, archive, and arts services. In the past she has been president of the Association of London Chief Librarians, a member of the London Libraries Development Agency Board, and a member of the Society of Chief Librarians' Executive.

Notes to Editors

1. Leading strategically, the MLA promotes best practice in museums, libraries, and archives, to inspire innovative, integrated, and sustainable services for all. The MLA engages with its sector across the UK and internationally, collaborating on measures that deliver improvement. MLA works particularly closely with partners in England, locally, regionally and nationally, to put museums, libraries and archives at the heart of lives and communities. It does so in the wider context of the cultural sector as a whole, through supporting learning and skills, and by adding value to social, economic and environmental objectives for renewal, regeneration and place-making. In particular, the MLA is responsible for leading and administering *Renaissance in the Regions*, the government's investment programme to build capability and capacity in England's regional museums.
2. The appointments process was carried out in accordance with the code of practice of the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. Patricia and Karen have not undertaken any political activity during the past five years