

CULTURE SOUTH WEST REAPPOINTMENT

Tessa Jowell MP, Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has reappointed Adrian Vinken as Chair of Culture South West, the Cultural Consortium for the South West of England. Adrian started his first term in September 1999 and has now been reappointed for a third term of six months from 29 September 2006 to 27 March 2007.

Adrian is currently the Chief Executive of the Theatre Royal Plymouth and the Plymouth Pavilions, a large-scale entertainment, arts and leisure complex. He has also recently led the development of the TR2 building, the largest theatrical production and education facility in Europe in Plymouth.

He also currently chairs the National Touring Partnership and is a Governor of Plymouth University and Director of The Lowry Centre Salford. Adrian's past honorary responsibilities have included chairing the National Association of Arts Centres, the Arts Development Association and Plymouth Common Purpose.

Adrian's academic background consists of tutoring at Sheffield University in Philosophy and researching Evolutionary Theory. He later went on and pioneered the Leadmill Arts Centre in Sheffield City Centre which led to a series of other inner city heritage and regeneration projects marrying commercial and community objectives.

Notes to Editors:

1. Culture South West, the Cultural Consortium is a Government-sponsored body which acts as an advocate and strategic voice for culture in the south west of England.
2. 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.