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Arts Council England – South West Regional Chair

Andrew Brewerton has been appointed as South West Regional Chair of Arts Council England. His term of appointment will run from 6 August 2007 to 5 August 2010.

Andrew Brewerton is Principal of Dartington College of Arts, an Honorary Professor of Fine Art at Shanghai University, and Visiting Professor at the University of Plymouth. A poet and writer on glass, he resumed academic life at the University of Wolverhampton in 1994 after 10 years in the glass crystal industry – in production and, for five years, as Head of Design and Development at Dartington Crystal. Internationally, Andrew has developed academic programmes in Beijing, Shanghai, and Pretoria, as well as permanent public art projects and installations in the UK and China. He chaired the jury panel of the inaugural British Glass Biennale, and has served on the Jerwood Prize jury. He is a Board Member of the Higher Education Statistics Agency (HESA); Vice-Chair of the Prime Ministers' Initiative Higher Education Advisory Group; and member of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) Strategic Advisory Committee (Business and Community). His new book, *Raag Leaves for Paresh Chakraborty*, will be published by Shearsman Books in November.

Andrew has undertaken no political activity in the past 5 years.

Notes to Editors:

1. Arts Council England develops and promotes the arts across England, acting as an arm's length body from Government.
2. Between 2006 and 2008, the Arts Council will invest £1.1 billion of public money from the Government and the National Lottery in the arts. This provides the bedrock of support for the arts in England and the Arts Council England's ambition for 2006–8 is to 'put the arts at the heart of national life and people at the heart of the arts'.
3. 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.