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Dawn Austwick OBE is appointed a Trustee of the Historic Royal Palaces.

David Lammy, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Dawn Austwick has been appointed as a Trustee of the Historic Royal Palaces. Her term of appointment will run from 1st April 2007 to 31 March 2010.

Biographical notes

Dawn Austwick is the Director of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, one of the UK's largest independent grant-making trusts (2005 to date). Prior to this she was the Deputy Director at the British Museum. From 1986-1994 she was Principal Consultant at KPMG, before joining the Tate where she served as Project Director for Tate Modern (1995 to 2000). She was awarded an OBE in 2000. She is a Companion of the Institute of Management, has an MBA from the London Business School and was awarded an honorary doctorate by London Metropolitan University in 2006. She has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Background

Historic Royal Palaces [HRP] was established by Royal Charter as an independent charity contracted by the Secretary of State for Culture Media and Sport to manage the historic royal palaces on her behalf. It is responsible for the care, conservation, and presentation to the public of the unoccupied royal palaces: the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, Kensington Palace, the Banqueting House at Whitehall and Kew Palace with Queen Charlotte's cottage.

HRP Trustees are responsible for overseeing all aspects of HRP operations and ensuring that HRPs' broad objectives are achieved. HRP Trustees give their services on an honorary basis and receive no remuneration, except for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of such services.

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.