

East Midlands Cultural Consortium

Reappointment of Chair

David Lammy, the Minister for Culture, has reappointed Mr Ted Cassidy as Chair of Culture East Midlands for a second term. The appointment will be for four years with effect from 6 August 2005.

Biographical details

Ted Cassidy is an active member of the Leicester and East Midlands communities. As Head of Regional Partnerships at De Montfort University (DMU), he is responsible for the University's regional strategy and manages DMU's regional and sub-regional relationships, with a particular emphasis on economic, community and cultural affairs. He was previously a Principal Lecturer in Social Work. He is a member of the board of the East Midlands Regional Assembly and is a board member of Young Enterprise East Midlands. He is a trustee of the National Space Centre, Leicester's Millennium project, company secretary and non-executive director of the East Midlands New Technology Initiative and is a member of the board of Leicestershire Chamber of Commerce.

He is a committed supporter of the arts as Chair of Phoenix Arts and as a board member of the Haymarket Theatre. He is fully involved in the development of Leicester's Cultural Quarter as Chair of the Moving Image Centre Steering Group. He is also Deputy Chair of the East Midlands Regional Sports Board and is a long-standing season ticket holder at Leicester City Football Club. His community links include: Chair of Saffron Young People's Project, a street-based youth work project in Leicester; a trustee of Goldhill Adventure Playground; a member of the Advisory board for Leicester Common Purpose; and a member of the Leicester Multi-Cultural Advisory Group.

Formerly he was Deputy Chair of the East Midlands Development Agency and a senior Labour Councillor at Leicester City Council and Chair of the Environment and Development Committee.

He was first appointed as Chair of Culture East Midlands in August 2002.

Background note

Culture East Midlands was established by the government in 1999, as one of the eight regional cultural consortia. Funded by the Department of Culture, Media & Sport, it is their role to promote the value and importance of culture in the region.

Culture East Midlands works in partnership with all of the key regional cultural bodies as well as groups, organisations and individuals in the public, private and voluntary cultural sectors.

Culture East Midlands role is to:

- Produce a Regional Cultural Strategy that embraces all aspects of culture
- To support the role of culture in wealth creation, social inclusion, education and regeneration in the East Midlands
- To champion, lobby and make the case for culture
- To prove the value of culture

The post requires a time commitment of two days a month and attracts remuneration of £204 per day.

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.