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John Hamer is appointed as a Trustee of the Historic Royal Palaces

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, announced today that John Hamer has been appointed as Education & Social Inclusion Trustee on the board of the Historic Royal Palaces (HRP). His term of appointment will run from 27 May 2005 to 26 May 2008.

Biographical notes

John Hamer is currently an Independent Education Consultant following a long career in education. As a teacher, he worked in both primary and secondary schools in Manchester, Sussex and Canada [1962 to 1984]. As a member of HM Inspectorate, he was a History, Assessment and Secondary Education specialist and was secretary to a number of Government committees. In his more recent work he was Education Policy Adviser to the Heritage Lottery Fund and has carried out projects for DfES, the National Trust and English Heritage amongst others. He is also the author of several books and reports on both history and education policy. He is an Adviser to the Victoria County History, and a Director of the Heritage Education Trust.

Background

Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) is a non departmental body and a charitable trust, established by Royal Charter, which has entered into a contract with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to undertake the care, conservation and presentation of the Historic Palaces. These are The Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, the Kensington Palace State Apartments, the Banqueting House at Whitehall, and Kew Palace with Queen Charlotte's Cottage. The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing all aspects of HRP's operations and ensuring that HRP's broad objectives are achieved.

HRP Trustees give their services on an honorary basis. They receive no remuneration, except for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of such services, along with any reasonable charge for specialist work that the Trust has instructed a Trustee to undertake on its behalf.

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.