

PRESS NOTICE

Appointment of Chair of South East England Cultural Consortium

Culture Secretary Tessa Jowell has announced the appointment of Kalwant Ajimal as Chair of South East England Cultural Consortium for four years with effect from 4 February 2003.

Biographical Notes

Kalwant Ajimal is an innovative businessman in the creative industries who has been involved in business/management consultancy and staff development for 30 years, working for charities, local authorities and in the commercial sector. Mr Ajimal is Managing Director of Open IT Development Ltd, Executive Director of Asian Arts Access Ltd and the founder and Executive Director of Community Action Partnerships Ltd. He has not undertaken any significant political activity in the last five years.

Notes to Editors

Cultural Consortiums were set up in each region in 1999 to provide an independent advisory body to ensure that culture and creativity have a strong voice at regional level. In 2001, South East England Cultural Consortium published *The Cultural Cornerstone*, the regional cultural strategy the South East.