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NATIONAL MUSEUMS LIVERPOOL

Estelle Morris, Minister for the Arts, has reappointed Professor Margaret MacKeith and Professor Sarah Palmer as Trustees of National Museums Liverpool. The four-year terms begin on 1 February 2005.

Biographical Details

Professor Margaret MacKeith CBE is a former Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Central Lancashire (1995-99). Prior to that, Professor MacKeith was Dean of the Faculty of Design and Technology from 1990-95. She has served as a Commissioner of the Royal Fine Art Commission, and as a member of the North West Regional Flood Defence Committee, and was a member of the Department of Transport's Landscape Advisory Committee. She has been a Trustee of National Museums Liverpool since February 2000. She is chairperson of National Museums Liverpool's Audit Committee.

She holds no other public appointments and has undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.

Sarah Palmer is Professor of Maritime History and Director of the Greenwich Maritime Institute at the University of Greenwich. An economic historian, she was previously Head of History at Queen Mary College, University of London (1994-1998). She has also served on Kent County Council (1985-1992). Her research interests focus particularly on commercial shipping, port history and maritime policy, though she has published on a variety of aspects of eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth century maritime history. She chairs the British Commission for Maritime History and has been a Trustee of National Museums Liverpool since February 2000.

She has undertaken no significant political activity in the last five years.

Note for Editors

National Museums Liverpool (formerly National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside) comprises seven museums and galleries and a Conservation Centre. The museums and galleries include the Liverpool Museum, Museum of Liverpool Life, Walker Art Gallery, Lady Lever Art Gallery, Sudley House, Merseyside Maritime Museum and HM Customs and Excise National Museum.

The Board of Trustees are appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. The current Chair is Mr David McDonnell and the Director is Dr David Fleming OBE.

The Trustee posts are not remunerated.

These reappointments have been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice.

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.