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Arts Trustee for the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts

Margaret Hodge, Minister of State at DCMS, has appointed Nick Starr as the Arts Trustee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts (NESTA). The term of appointment will run from 17 December 2007 to 16 December 2011.

Nick Starr

Nick Starr is the Executive Director of the Royal National Theatre. Between 2001-2002 he was the co-founder and co-director of Us Productions Ltd in the West End, and from 1997-2001 he was Executive Director at the Almeida Theatre Company. He was Director of Warwick Arts Centre from 1996-1997. His earlier career included roles at the Royal National Theatre and with Paton Walker Associates. He is also Chairman of Battersea Arts Centre, a Trustee of the Royal National Theatre Foundation, and a board member of both the Young Vic Theatre and the Society of London Theatre. He holds no other public appointments, and has not undertaken any political activity in the last 5 years.

Background information

NESTA was set up to help maximise the UK's creative and innovative potential. With an endowment fund of £250 million, the past seven years have seen NESTA pioneering and promoting talent, innovation and creativity in the fields of science, technology and the arts. Its vision is for the UK to lead the world in the application of knowledge, creativity and enterprise, and it strives to bring about a more dynamic and successful environment for innovation in the UK. It wants to encourage a more can-do, risk taking culture in the UK, to boost the availability of funds to enable early stage innovations to get off the ground, and to ensure innovation policy responds more effectively to the dynamics of innovation.

As a result of the June 2007 Machinery of Government changes, future appointments to the NESTA Board of Trustees will be made by the Secretary of State for Innovation, Universities and Skills, with the proviso that the appointments of the Chairman and Arts Trustee will be made jointly with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

The current NESTA Trustees are:

Chris Powell (Chairman)	Sir Michael Barber	Professor R Marc Clement
Dr Stuart Cosgrove	Sherry Coutu	Andrew Flanagan
Jitesh Gadhia	Professor Julia Goodfellow	Tracy Long
Patrick McKenna	Prof William Morris	Prof Kathy Sykes

NESTA Trustees are remunerated for attendance at board meetings at a rate of £209 per day. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any) to be made public. This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice.



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