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New Trustees for the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts

Shaun Woodward, Minister for Creative Industries and Tourism, has appointed Patrick McKenna as Creative Industries Trustee of the National Endowment for Science, Technology & the Arts (NESTA). The term of appointment will run from 4 December 2006 until 3 December 2010.

Patrick McKenna

Patrick McKenna is the Chairman of the leading media investment company Ingenious Media plc which he founded in 1998. He was formerly the Chairman of the Really Useful Group (1990-97), where he took charge of its privatisation, and was previously a Partner at Deloitte & Touche (1984-1990). He is currently Chairman of the Young Vic Theatre and was previously a board Member of the British Tourist Authority (1996-2002). He sits on the advisory board of the Film Business Academy, run by Cass Business school. He is also chairman of Hat Trick Holdings Ltd, Stage Three Music, ID Distribution and Whizz Kid Entertainment Ltd. He holds no other public appointments, and has not undertaken any political activity in the last 5 years.

Notes for editors

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.

Appointments to the NESTA Board of Trustees are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport.

The current NESTA Trustees are:

Chris Powell (Chairman)

Sherry Coutu

Sir Michael Barber

Prudence Skene

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Andrew Flanagan

Professor Julia Goodfellow

Prof William Morris
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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.

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