



## ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND – BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

David Lammy MP, Minister for Culture has appointed **Alice Rawsthorn** as Board Member for Arts Council England. Her term will be for four years from 1 February 2007 to 31 January 2011.

Alice Rawsthorn is the Design Critic of the International Herald Tribune, exploring innovation in every area of contemporary design in her weekly Design column. A prominent broadcaster, she also writes the Object Lesson column on visual culture for the New York Times. From 2001 to 2006, Alice was the Director of the Design Museum in London and, before then, an award-winning journalist with the Financial Times. Her books include a biography of the fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent and a monograph of the work of the designer Marc Newson. A Trustee of the Whitechapel Gallery in London, Alice is an Honourary Senior Fellow of the Royal College of Art. She is also Lead Advisor on the Visual Arts to Arts Council England, for which she chaired the Turningpoint Review of the Contemporary Visual Arts.

Alice has undertaken no political activity in the last five years.

### Notes to Editors:

1. Arts Council England develops and promotes the arts across England, acting as an arm's length body from Government.
2. Between 2006 and 2008, the Arts Council will invest £1.1 billion of public money from the Government and the National Lottery in the arts. This provides the bedrock of support for the arts in England and the Arts Council England's ambition for 2006–8 is to 'put the arts at the heart of national life and people at the heart of the arts'.
3. The Arts Council aims for everyone in the country to have the opportunity to develop a rich and varied artistic and creative life. It also acts as the primary delivery agent for the Department's arts Public Service Agreement (PSA) target – to increase the number of people who participate and attend arts activities twice a year, by 2% and 3% respectively, from priority groups aged 16 and over.
4. 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.