

ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND APPOINTMENTS

Kentake Chinyelu-Hope has been appointed Chair and National Council member of the Arts Council South East region and François Matarasso has been appointed Chair and National Council member of the Arts Council East Midlands region. Both will begin their four year terms on 1 October 2005.

KENTAKE CHINYELU-HOPE

Kentaké is the artistic director of Momi Inc, a development agency for Hip Hop in the UK, having begun her career with the Newham Youth Service, where she was a Youth Arts Development worker in 1994. In 2000 she initiated and developed the London Hip Hop Festival. She has been a member of the Arts Council, South East Regional Council since November 2003 and Vice Chair of Creative People, a professional development network for arts and crafts, since November 2004.

FRANÇOIS MATARASSO

François is a freelance writer and arts researcher, with 25 years experience in the UK and abroad, initially as a community artist and then in consultancy. From 1988 to 1994 he was Director of East Midlands Shape, a regional arts development agency working with disabled people and access development. Since then, he has focused on project support and research, and the link between ideas and arts practice. His work on the arts has been widely published and translated. He is a former trustee of NESTA.

Background

Arts Council England is the major national development agency for the arts in England, responsible for the allocation of funding from Government and the National Lottery.

National Council Members receive no remuneration. Chairs of the regional Arts Councils receive £6,045 per annum.

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.

Both appointees do not hold any other public appointments and have not undertaken any political activities in the last five years.