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Richard H Mackenzie CB is appointed as a Trustee of the Theatres Trust.

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Richard Mackenzie has been appointed as a Trustee of the Theatres Trust. His term of appointment will run from 10 September 2007 to 9 September 2010.

Biographical notes

Recently, Mr Mackenzie served as Local Government Boundaries Commissioner for Northern Ireland. Before this, he pursued a career of over thirty years with the Department of the Environment, Northern Ireland where he held a progression of appointments culminating in the post of Deputy Secretary – Planning. He then served as Joint Secretary [North] of the North/South Ministerial Council, from 2002 to 2002, with responsibility for providing secretariat services to the Council of Ministers from the Irish Government and the Northern Ireland Assembly as they met in relation to specified areas of cooperation. Between 1993 and 2004, he chaired the Ulster Youth Orchestra and served as a Trustee of Belfast's Grand Opera House (1999 to 2006). He has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Background

The Theatres Trust Act 1976 established the Theatres Trust to 'promote the better protection of theatres for the benefit of the Nation'. The Trust has a UK wide remit to secure theatre use. Local authorities are required to consult the Trust on planning applications affecting land on which there is a theatre. The Trust provides help and advice on theatre planning and property related issues, to theatre management teams, Government agencies, and grant-making bodies.

TT trustees give their services on an honorary basis but may claim reasonable travel and subsistence

Public Appointments

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.