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Dr Andrew Renton is appointed a member of the Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection

David Lammy, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Dr Andrew Renton has been appointed as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection. His term of appointment will run from 21 May 2007 to 20 May 2011.

Biographical notes

Dr Andrew Renton is Director of Curating at Goldsmiths, University of London. He is Curator of the Cranford Collection, London. He is a member of several advisory boards, including The Drawing Room, London, The Showroom London, Ellipse Foundation, Lisbon, and the Artists Pension Trust. Between 2002 and 2005 he was a columnist for the Evening Standard dealing with contemporary art issues - from ideas to market. From 1997 to 2002 he lectured at Slade School of Fine Art and was appointed Slade Curator. He has lectured widely internationally and has published hundreds of texts on contemporary art. He has curated many exhibitions in museums around the world, most recently "Stay forever and ever and ever" at South London Gallery. He was a member of the jury for the 2006 Turner Prize. He has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Background

The Government Art Collection (GAC) is unique in its combination of a wide-ranging and growing collection of British art (over 13,000 works from the 16th century to the present day) and their display in Government buildings in the UK and around the world. In so doing, the GAC promotes British art, history and culture to the many thousands of visitors to these buildings, and enhances the working environment. We are committed to ensuring that both historical and contemporary British art are recognised on a national and international level.

The Advisory Committee on the Government Art Collection advises the Secretary of State, via the Director of the GAC, on the acquisition of works of art for the Collection. Committee members give their services on an honorary basis. Travel and any other relevant expenses are reimbursed.

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.