

Department for Culture, Media and Sport

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TATE – new Trustees

The Prime Minister has appointed The Lord Browne of Madingley and Ms Monisha Shah as Trustees of Tate. Their terms of appointment will be for four years from 1 August 2007.

Biographical Details

Lord Browne

Lord Browne joined British Petroleum plc in 1966 and stayed with the company throughout his career, becoming Group Chief Executive from 1995-2007. He has held non-executive directorships with Redland plc, SmithKline Beecham plc, Intel Corporation and Goldman Sachs, and is currently Chairman of Apax Partners. He was knighted in 1998 for services to industry, and was made a Life Peer in 2001, becoming a crossbencher in the House of Lords. He has previously been a Trustee of the British Museum (1995-2005), and is now President of the Royal Academy of Engineering. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society, and of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Monisha Shah

Ms Shah joined BBC Worldwide in 1999, and has been its Director of Emerging Markets since 2005, with responsibility for capitalising on the BBC's intellectual property in India, Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, the Commonwealth of Independent States, and Russia. She had previously worked in the media industry in India, developing media reports for private equity, and acquiring programme material for Indian broadcasters.

Background

Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public knowledge, understanding and appreciation of art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management.

Trustees of Tate are not remunerated, and are appointed by the Prime Minister on the advice of DCMS Ministers. 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 political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Lord Browne and Ms Shah have declared that they undertook no political activity in the last five years.