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Culture Northwest: Reappointment of Chair, Loyd Grossman

Gerry Sutcliffe, the Minister for Sport, has reappointed Loyd Grossman as Chairman of Culture Northwest. His second term as Chair will run from 1 June 2008 to 31 May 2011.

Loyd Grossman is a prominent media figure nationally and internationally, and has well established credentials in the cultural life of the country as an advocate of museums and heritage. Loyd was a member of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council from 2000 to 2006 and a Commissioner of the Museums and Galleries Commission from 1996-2000. He was a Commissioner of English Heritage from 1997 to 2003 and of the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments of England from 1999 to 2003. Loyd has been Co-Chairman of Museums and Galleries Month since 2001, Chairman of the Campaign for Museums since 1995 and was Chairman of the Public Monuments and Sculpture Association from 2001 to 2007. He has been Chair of National Museums Liverpool since 2005. From 1998 to 2003 he was Chairman of the Conservation Awards, and in 2007 was appointed as Chairman of the Churches Conservation Trust. He is a Vice-President of the Sick Children's Trust, and was Chairman of the Better Hospital Food Panel, NHS from 2001 to 2006.

Loyd has undertaken no political activity in the past five years.

Notes to Editors:

1. In 1999 the Department for Culture, Media and Sport established a Regional Cultural Consortium in each of the English regions outside London to champion the whole spectrum of cultural and creative interests in the regions, including tourism and sport.
2. The consortiums have responsibility for implementing their regional cultural strategy and have a role in central policy making, regional data collection and research. In October 2004 the Consortiums changed from being advisory bodies to executive Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPB's).
3. Culture Northwest represents and engages a broad cross section of interests covered by the DCMS, including: the arts, sport, physical activity, leisure and recreation, tourism, creative and cultural industries, film and media, heritage, museums, galleries and libraries and archives. Culture Northwest aims to ensure that culture plays a central role in regional development, and is built on a partnership of DCMS sponsor bodies and other regional interests.
4. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.