

September 2008

Dr Phil Clark is appointed Welsh Trustee of The Theatres Trust.

Margaret Hodge, the Minister for Culture, announced today that Dr Phil Clark has been appointed as Welsh Trustee of The Theatres Trust. His term of appointment will run from 14 July 2008 to 13 July 2011.

Biographical notes

Dr Phil Clark has worked extensively in the UK and Europe as a Theatre Director. He was a founder member of Theatre Powys, Wales and Bruvvers Theatre, Newcastle Upon Tyne. He was a Director at the Crucible Theatre Sheffield and from 1990 to 2006 he was Artistic Director of the Sherman Theatre Cardiff where he prioritised work for and with young people and commissioned over 100 new plays. He was a member of the BBC Broadcasting Council in Wales. His work has been presented in most of the theatres in Wales and he teaches regularly at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and for the National Association of Youth Theatres. He now works as a free-lance theatre director and writer He has not undertaken any political activity in the past five years.

Background

The Theatres Trust is the National Advisory Public Body for Theatres, established by The Theatres Trust Act 1976 '*to promote the better protection of theatres*' and has the powers to acquire or hold any theatre or land required for the benefit of any theatre, contribute to the acquisition of any theatre or land, and maintain or assist in the maintenance of any theatre. The Trust has a UK wide remit to provide leadership in the statutory planning and protection of theatres and to develop a strategic approach to achieving better protection for theatres.

The Trust's trustees give their services on an honorary basis but travel/subsistence and out-of-pocket 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.