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Malcolm Reading is appointed as a Trustee of the Historic Royal Palaces

David Lammy, Minister for Culture, announced today that Malcolm Reading has been appointed as Conservation Architect / Building Surveyor Trustee on the board of the Historic Royal Palaces (HRP). His term of appointment will run from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2008.

Biographical notes

Malcolm Reading is the Director of Architecture of his own project management company, Malcolm Reading & Associates. Prior to this, he was a free-lance architect, mainly managing teams on master planning projects, before joining the British Council as its Director of Architecture for the Global Estate (1990 to 1996). His involvement with the conservation of historic buildings has included restoration of the Palazzo Quattro Fontaine in Rome, the Palacete de General Martinez Campo in Madrid, and the Palac Dunaj in Prague. In the UK, he has had management direction of the interior restoration of Christ Church, Spitalfields, and the regeneration of St Pancras Chambers in London. He is Development Advisor to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on various works to the King Charles Street building, Development Adviser to St Martin-in-the-Fields, and Architectural Adviser to the British Antarctic Survey. Malcolm Reading has not undertaken any political activity in the last five years.

Background

Historic Royal Palaces (HRP) is a non departmental body and a charitable trust, established by Royal Charter, which has entered into a contract with the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to undertake the care, conservation and presentation of the Historic Palaces. These are The Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, the Kensington Palace State Apartments, the Banqueting House at Whitehall, and Kew Palace with Queen Charlotte's Cottage. The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing all aspects of HRP's operations and ensuring that HRP's broad objectives are achieved.

HRP Trustees give their services on an honorary basis. They receive no remuneration, except for expenses reasonably incurred in the performance of such services, along with any reasonable charge for specialist work that the Trust has instructed a Trustee to undertake on its behalf.

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.