

CULTURE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SIX MEMBERS OF THE RESOURCE BOARD.

The following six people have been reappointed to the Board of Resource: The Council for Museums, Libraries and Archives:-

Ajay Chowdhury, Managing Partner at IDG Ventures, Europe

Dr Maurna Crozier, Director of the Cultural Diversity Programme of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council, Northern Ireland.

Mark Jones, Director of the National Museums of Scotland

Neil MacGregor, Director of the British Museum

Jane Ryder, Director of the Scottish Museums Council

Alan Watkin, Chief Officer for Libraries, Leisure and Culture for Wrexham County Council

Ajay Chowdhury was first appointed to Resource in April 2000 and has served one term. He is a Managing Partner at IDG Ventures Europe, part of a \$600m group of venture capital funds. He is also chairman of Shazam Entertainment and Artistic Director of the Rented Space Theatre Company. Prior to joining IDGVE, Ajay Chowdhury was European President and CEO of NBC Internet - a NASDAQ quoted integrated media company. Before that he was Chief Executive of LineOne - a joint venture between United News and Media and BT - which he helped grow into one of the UK's largest portals and Internet Service Providers. He joined United News and Media in 1991 and was founder and Managing Director of United Interactive - its new media division. Before joining United, he was a manager at Bain & Company, the international management consultants where he ran projects in Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Germany and the UK.

Dr Maurna Crozier was first appointed to Resource in April 2000 and has served one term. She is Director of the Cultural Diversity Programme of the Northern Ireland Community Relations Council. She is also a Governor of the Linen Hall Library, Vice Chair of the Northern Ireland Museums Council and a Member of the Advisory Committee for Inter Cultural Studies at the British Council. Her career has included teaching, lecturing, writing and broadcasting. She is an Honorary Fellow of the Department of Social Anthropology at Queen's University, Belfast.

Mark Jones was first appointed to Resource in April 2000 and has served one term. He has

been Director of the National Museums of Scotland since 1992. Before that he was Keeper of Coins and Medals at the British Museum. Mark Jones serves on the Boards of SCRAN (Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network), the Scottish Museums Council, the Royal Mint Advisory Committee and the Visual Arts Research Institute. He is a member of the Scottish Executive's Focus Group which assists with the development of the Executive's National Cultural Strategy.

Neil MacGregor was first appointed to Resource in April 2000 and has served one term. He has been Director of the British Museum since August 2002. He was Director of the National Gallery from 1987-2002. Before that he was Editor of the Burlington Magazine. He is a Member of the Boards of Electors of the Ashmolean Museum and the Fitzwilliam Museum and is a former Chairman of the National Museums Directors' Conference. Neil MacGregor is a trustee of the Raad van Toezicht of the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam and is a member of the UNESCO Advisory Group of the Hermitage, St Petersburg and of the Visiting Committee of the J Paul Getty Museum.'

JANE RYDER was first appointed to Resource in April 2000 and has served one term. She has been Director of the Scottish Museums Council since 1995. She is a Director of SCRAN (Scottish Cultural Resources Access Network), Chair of the Scottish Refugee Council and Vice-Chair of Stevenson College of Further Education. She is a qualified solicitor and was a Council Member of the Law Society of Scotland from 1986 to 1995. She is a member of the Scottish Executive Advisory Forum on Charity Law Reform.

Alan Watkin was first appointed to Resource in June 2000 and has served one term. He is Chief Officer for Libraries, Leisure and Culture for Wrexham County Council and was formerly Deputy Director for the Clwyd Library Information Service. He is currently a member of the Library and Information Service Council for Wales, the Welsh policy committee of the Community Development Foundation, the Information Services National Training Organisation (ISNTO) committee for Wales, Sport Council for Wales regional funding panel, the Welsh Books Council and the regional committee of the Arts Council for Wales. He is also Chair of the European Public Information Centre network group.

None of the above appointees have carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Board members do not receive remuneration.

