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Rajay Naik appointed to the board of the Big Lottery Fund

Barbara Follett, Minister for Culture, Creative Industries and Tourism, has appointed Rajay Naik, to the board of the Big Lottery Fund. The term will be for a three-year period, from 16 February 2009.

Biographical Notes

Rajay Naik is a former Member of the UK Youth Parliament and Chair of the Coventry Youth Council, where he now co-ordinates the city's Youth Opportunity Fund and works on the council's youth engagement strategy. Rajay is also a trustee of the British Youth Council, National Youth Agency, Changemakers and, until recently, the national youth volunteering charity, V. In 2005, Rajay became the youngest council member in the country of the Learning and Skills Council and, in 2006, Rajay went on to become the youngest full governor on a college corporation, at City College, Coventry. In 2006, Rajay co-authored 'Learner Voice', a publication commissioned by NESTA.

Notes for Editors

1. The Big Lottery Fund is established as a statutory Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB), under the terms of the National Lottery Act, 2006. The Big Lottery Fund was formed through administrative merger in June 2004 out of two previous Lottery Distributors, the Community Fund and the New Opportunities Fund. The Big Lottery Fund came into being formally on 1 December 2006, at which time it was also vested with the responsibilities of the former Millennium Commission, responsible for managing the Millennium Commission's programmes of funding and approved projects.
2. A daily allowance will be paid for time spent on authorised Big Lottery Fund business at the current daily rate of £215 plus reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of duties.
3. This appointment has been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process. There is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any is declared), so far as it is already in the public domain, to be published. Rajay Naik has declared that he has canvassed on behalf of the Labour Party and volunteered at the Labour Party's annual conference. Political activity is not permitted to influence the conduct of Board members in their official role.