

**October 2010**

## **Theatres Trust – Trustee Reappointment**

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries has reappointed Benjamin Twist as Scottish member of the Theatres Trust for a second term of 3 years. His term of appointment will run from 8 October 2010 to 7 October 2013.

### **Benjamin Twist**

Ben combines a long career as a theatre director and producer with wider consultancy, with a specialism in carbon management for the cultural and creative sectors. He was Associate Director at the Traverse Theatre, Artistic Director at Manchester's Contact Theatre and has directed as a freelance throughout the UK, Europe, North America and New Zealand. He was a member of the Board of the Scottish Arts Council from 2003 to 2007 and the Joint Board of the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen from 2007 to 2010, and Chair of the SAC Lottery Committee from 2003 to 2010. He also works in classical music and is a member of the Board of Hebrides Ensemble, Scotland's leading contemporary music group. As a consultant he has worked widely advising on drama and writing development, helping arts organisations through periods of change and managing capital and public engagement projects. He recently completed an MSc in Carbon Management with a dissertation proposing a new architecture for the global climate change negotiations.

### **Background**

1. This reappointments has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. Appointments and reappointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process.