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Royal Armouries – Trustee Appointment

Ed Vaizey, Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries has appointed Stephen Smith as Trustee of the Royal Armouries for a term of four years from 10 May 2011 to 9 May 2015.

Stephen Smith

Stephen is the Director of External Development and Dean of the Faculty of Media & Design Communication at Leeds College of Art, the only independent specialist provider of Art & Design education in the North of England.

Previously a Centre Manager of the Technology Innovation Centre (subsidiary of Birmingham City University), Stephen has spent the last ten years in senior management roles across the Higher Education sector, in institutions small and large, building strategic partnerships and alliances between academia, industry and government. Prior to education, Stephen's professional background was in Television and Multimedia, and through the research of his academic departments and his own scholarly interests, Stephen continues to be actively engaged with the development of interactive applications, immersive and simulated environments, and mobile (hand-held) technology and (real-time) location aware devices for pushing media content.

Stephen is currently the Chairman of 'Creative Networks' and also the Chair of the 'Creative Leeds Key Agencies Task Force'. Stephen is also currently undertaking his doctorate, titled: 'The Marketisation of Higher Education: Strategies for Competitive Positioning'.

Background

1. This appointment 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. Stephen has declared that he has not undertaken any politically activity during the last 5 years.