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Historic Royal Palaces: reappointment of Malcolm Reading as Trustee

John Penrose, Minister for Tourism and Heritage, has reappointed Malcolm Reading as trustee of Historic Royal Palaces for a third term, of three years, from 4 April 2011 to 3 April 2014.

Malcolm Reading is an architect who runs a multi-disciplinary company and works in the heritage, education and regeneration sectors. He was Director of Architecture and Design with the British Council 1991-96. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Society of Designers Honorary Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and an adviser to the competitions office of the Royal Institute of British Architects. He is also Chair of the Tower of London World Heritage Site Consultative Committee.

Background

Historic Royal Palaces is established by Royal Charter and is the charity that looks after the Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace, the Banqueting House, Kensington Palace and Kew Palace. Although the palaces are owned by The Queen on behalf of the nation, Historic Palaces receives no funding from the Government or the Crown and depends on the support of its visitors, members, donors, volunteers and sponsors.

Trustees are not remunerated but reasonable expenses are paid.

This reappointment has been made in accordance with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. No political activity has been declared by Mr Reading.