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Reappointment of Victoria & Albert Museum trustee

The Prime Minister has reappointed Samir Shah OBE as a Trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum, for the 2 years commencing 6 December 2012.

Biographical details

Samir Shah OBE

Samir Shah has been a leading figure in broadcasting for over 30 years. Since 2004 he has been Chief Executive of Juniper Communications which specialises in making factual programmes and drama documentaries. Before this he was at the BBC as Head of Political Programmes (1994-1998) and Head of Current Affairs (1987-1994). He was a trustee of the Medical Foundation for the Victims of Torture (2004-2006), Chair of the Runnymede Trust (1999-2009) and a non-executive Director of the BBC (2006-2010), and is a fellow of the Royal Television Society. The University of Nottingham has appointed him to a Special Professorship in the Department of Post-Conflict Studies. He holds no other public appointments.

Background

The V&A's mission statement is 'To be the world's leading museum of art and design. To enrich peoples' lives and inspire individuals and everyone in the creative industries, through the promotion of knowledge, understanding and enjoyment of the designed world.'

The V&A is sponsored by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), and is a charity exempt from registration under the Charities Act of 1993. It operates at arm's length from the Government and is governed by a board of Trustees appointed by the Prime Minister.

Trustees are not remunerated.

The appointment process has followed the OCPA Code of Practice. 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 political activity in the United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Shah has declared no such activity.