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Reappointment of National Heritage Memorial Fund/Heritage Lottery Fund Board Trustees

The Prime Minister has reappointed Virginia Tandy, Kathryn Gee, Douglas Hulyer and Christopher Woodward as Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund/Heritage Lottery Fund.

- Virginia Tandy appointed for a second term of three years from 1 September 2012;
- Kathryn Gee and Douglas Hulyer appointed for third terms of one year from 10 September 2012; and
- Christopher Woodward appointed for a third term of one year from 1 November 2012.

Biographical details

Virginia Tandy OBE

Virginia Tandy has a wealth of experience in cultural development in the North West of England and more widely. She has worked in a variety of roles in local authorities, the charitable sector and in the North West office of the Arts Council. As Director of Manchester City Galleries, she oversaw a major expansion and refurbishment of Manchester Art Gallery, which opened to critical acclaim in 2002 and chaired development teams at Director level within the museums sector in Manchester and the North West region, delivering Renaissance in the Regions. She also founded a national women's leadership network for museums. As Director of Culture for the city from 2008, she led the creation of Manchester's Cultural Strategy and chaired the city's Cultural Partnership. Virginia has been involved in a range of boards and committees, including membership of the Arts Council's Lottery Advisory Panel; Chair of Manchester's Creative Industries Development Service; Board Member of the National Museums, Libraries and Archives Council; and Member of the UK Cultural Heritage Skills Advisory Panel. She is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, and from 2006 to 2008 was President of the Museums Association, the professional body for the sector in the UK.

Kathryn Gee

Brought up in York and following a degree in History and Archaeology, Kathy Gee worked initially at the Cookworthy Museum, Kingsbridge, Devon and Wheal Martyn Museum, St Austell, Cornwall where she played an active part in regional tourism and museum strategic development. A period as a consultant found her working for a wide range of independent and voluntary museums, publishing local history books and writing landscape interpretation and guide books for the National Trust in the South West. From 1990-2006 she was Chief Executive first of the West Midlands Regional Museums Council and then of Museums, Libraries and Archives West Midlands, chairing the West Midlands Cultural Forum. Kathy is now self-employed and as director of Volition Associates provides consultancy, executive coaching, facilitation and evaluation to the cultural sector. She is also a Governor of the University of Wolverhampton.



Douglas Hulyer

Doug Hulyer has been employed in wildlife conservation, environmental education and sustainable development for 30 years, and is a consultant for various organisations in the nature conservation and heritage sectors. He was a Council member of English Nature from 2002 and now sits on the Board of Natural England. He is Chair of the Education and Public Understanding Group for the England Biodiversity Strategy, Chair of the Wetland Vision for England Partnership, Vice-President of the Surrey Wildlife Trust, and a Foundation Member of the Great Fen Project. He is a Member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Commission on Education and Communications, and of the Learning Advisory Panel for the National Trust. He was formerly Director of Conservation Programmes at the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust, Project Director of the London Wetlands Centre, co-founder of the Real World Learning Campaign, and a Member of the executive committee of the Council for Environmental Education.

Christopher Woodward

Christopher Woodward took up a new role as Director of the Garden Museum in September 2006. He was previously Director of the Holburne Museum of Art in Bath, and has worked as Assistant Curator at Sir John Soane's Museum. He is author of the book *In Ruins*. Christopher is an enthusiastic swimmer, and has swum the Hellespont and The Strait of Gibraltar.

Notes to Editors

The National Heritage Memorial Fund (NHMF) is the fund of last resort for the nation's heritage, coming to the rescue by funding emergency acquisitions. In 1994, the NHMF Trustees were also given the major task of distributing the heritage share of Lottery money for good causes, which it now operates through the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF). This Fund was set up by Parliament in 1994 to give grants to a wide range of projects involving the local, regional and national heritage of the United Kingdom. HLF enables communities to celebrate, look after and learn more about the UK's diverse heritage. HLF funds the entire spread of heritage, including buildings, museums, natural heritage and the heritage of cultural traditions and language.

Trustees are entitled to claim an allowance of £6,560 per year for a time commitment of 2-3 days per month.

The appointments have 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. No political activity has been declared.