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Reappointment of National Gallery trustees

The Prime Minister has reappointed Hannah Rothschild and Gautam Dalal as Trustees of the National Gallery for the four years commencing 10 March 2013 and 25 March 2013 respectively.

Biographical details

Hannah Rothschild

A freelance television and film director, writer, journalist, lecturer and broadcaster specialising in the arts, Hannah is co-founder of the Artist on Film trust. She is Vice President of the Hay Literary Festival, and has acted in the past as a trustee of the ICA, Serpentine and Whitechapel Galleries and a judge for the Samuel Johnson Prize for non-fiction. Her biography of Pannonica (Nica) Rothschild entitled 'The Baroness' was published by Virago in 2012.

Gautam Dalal

A Chartered accountant, Gautam was a Senior Audit Partner with KPMG's London office until March 2010. From 2000 to 2003 he was Chairman and Chief Executive of the firm's practice in India which he had helped to establish. He is a non-executive director of Barts Health NHS trust, a Governing body member and Honorary Treasurer of SOAS, a non-executive director of ZincOx Resources Plc and Chair of AMREF UK and a director of AMREF's International Board.

Background

The National Gallery houses one of the greatest collections of European painting in the world. It contains paintings from the 13th to the early 20th centuries, representing all the major European schools of painting with examples of all the major artists' work. These pictures belong to the public and entrance to see them is free. Its trustees are not remunerated.

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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. Ms Rothschild and Mr Dalal have declared no such activity.