

## **HORNIMAN MUSEUM AND GARDENS APPOINTMENT**

Margaret Hodge, Minister for Culture, has appointed Hilary Taylor as a Trustee of the Horniman Museum and Gardens. The term will be for three years and seven months from 15 March 2010 to 14 October 2014.

### **Biographical Notes**

Hilary Taylor is an Art and Landscape Historian. Since 1997, she has been a Director of Hilary Taylor Landscape Associates, Ltd., which specialises in advising on landscapes of particular historic, cultural or ecological significance. Hilary has been Landscape Team leader on numerous award-winning projects, including the restoration and renewal of Grade II\* Battersea Park and Grade II Aston Hall and Park, Birmingham. She is a member Church Buildings Council and the Statutory Advisory Committee, accountable to General Synod and responsible for advising on the care and development of historic or significant churches, contents and churchyards. Until 2008, Hilary was a member for eight years of various HLF panels including the Heritage Lottery Fund's Expert Panel for Historic Buildings, Land, Museums, Libraries and Archives. Before 1988, Hilary worked as an academic, having been awarded a Ph.D in 1974. She has written on topics which range from the work of James McNeill Whistler to the design and significance of public parks. In 1994 she was a Churchill Fellow and in 2009 was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

### **Notes for Editors**

1. In 1901 Frederick Horniman gave the Horniman Museum & Gardens as a free gift to the public for their recreation, instruction and enjoyment – this vision still remains central to the Horniman today. A blend of high quality collections spanning the natural, cultural and musical worlds; 16 acres of well-managed urban Gardens; community based educational and leisure programmes; and a wide range of exhibitions, performance events and activities provide an unrivalled opportunity to encounter and understand the richness and variety of the world in which we live. The Museum has recently obtained a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards a £2.6m project to improve the Gardens, including linking them more closely with the collections and providing a building for educational activities related to the Gardens.
2. The post is not remunerated. Reasonable expenses can be claimed.
3. This appointment has been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointments process. Hilary Taylor has not undertaken any significant political activity during the last 5 years.