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Reappointment of Tate trustee

The Prime Minister has reappointed Tom Bloxham MBE as a Trustee of Tate, for the 4 years commencing 23 February 2013.

Biographical details

Tom Bloxham is Chairman and founder of Urban Splash, an award winning property regeneration company based in Manchester which develops projects across the country, including Manchester, Liverpool, Birmingham, Leeds, Bradford, Sheffield, Bristol, Plymouth and Morecombe.

He is also Chairman of the Manchester International Festival, a Trustee of the Manchester United FC Foundation and Chancellor of the University of Manchester. Previously, he was a Board Member of the Liverpool Culture Company, delivering the European Capital of Culture, he chaired Arts Council England North West until 2008 (also sitting on the Arts Council England Board) and served on the Government's Urban Sounding Board and Property Advisory Group.

Tom was also founding Chair for Centre for Cities Think Tank. He was awarded an MBE in 1999 for services to architecture and urban regeneration. He holds no other public appointments.

Background

Tate's mission, laid down by the 1992 Museums and Galleries Act, is to increase public understanding and enjoyment of British art and International modern and contemporary art. Its responsibilities are safeguarding and enhancing its assets which are the collections, expertise in the collections and subject area, and the buildings. Tate seeks to spread the benefits of those assets by maximising access and developing value for visitors, satisfying stakeholders and through effective organisation and sound financial management. Entry to the collections is free.

Tate Trustees are not remunerated, and devote approximately two days per month to the role.

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 Bloxham has declared no such political activity.