

Accessing Funds to Support the Local Delivery of Culture and Sport Monday, 4 July 2011

Tim Challans

Tim is a consultant with a long experience in the cultural and public sector. He worked as a town planner for both the London boroughs of Lewisham and Tower Hamlets before moving to the Midlands in the mid 1980's, where he worked for the regional arts funding system and the Arts Council. He went on to run the leisure and cultural services for Nottinghamshire County Council. Until 2009, before he got his life back, he ran the Leisure, Culture and Lifelong Learning service for Walsall Council, where he also took on regional and national roles.

In addition to working at a strategic level in culture, Tim also has considerable experience programming and commissioning in the arts. He has written and lectured extensively about the arts, culture and cultural policy in the public sector. He was a member of the MLA's Renaissance in the Regions review group and has been a member of a number of boards and regional and national committees and is currently a board member of Cultivate EM and is on an advisory group for Nottingham Playhouse. He is a member of the Academy of Urbanism.

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Jonathan France

Jonathan is an Associate Director at Ecorys, who leads on their culture and sport work. His interests lie in demonstrating and improving the impact of the sector, and culture and regeneration. Jonathan is currently managing the three-year Meta Evaluation of the Impact and Legacy of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, as well as directing international sports research. In 2010 Jonathan provided guidance to cultural services through the launch of the website www.beaconcultureandsport.org.uk, and has previously supported LCIP, the Cultural Improvement Partnership East Midlands, IDeA and various local authorities in London to better demonstrate the value of culture and sport.

Chris Hale

Chris is a Senior Consultant and an economist at Ecorys, who specialises in helping local, regional, and national Government better understand the impacts of their projects and programmes and how far they deliver value for money. Chris played a leading role in developing an enhanced approach to assessing the impacts of destination marketing agencies for a consortium of Regional Development Agencies, which is currently being used by the Greater London Authority to evaluate the effectiveness of Visit London (and now London & Partners) in attracting overseas visitors to London. Chris has also supported the London Development Agency assess the costs and benefits of a number of cultural initiatives, including the Events for London and London 2012 Cultural Skills Fund.

Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham

Steve was elected as the Lewisham's first directly elected Mayor in May 2002 and he is now in his third term of office. Immediately prior to becoming Mayor he was serving as Chair of University Hospital Lewisham NHS Trust.

Steve was first elected as a councillor in 1982 and served as Leader of Lewisham Council from 1988 to 1993. He is currently Chair of the Local Government Association's Workforce Programme Board and leads on Housing for London Councils. He recently joined the board of the Museum of London.

Steve was born in Redcar, North Yorkshire, and now lives in Forest Hill with his wife, Kris. In his spare time he enjoys football and folk music. Mayor Bullock was knighted in 2007.



Martyn Allison

Martyn is currently National Advisor for culture and sport with Local Government Improvement and Development. He previously headed up the cultural service improvement unit within the IDEa jointly funded by DCMS, Sport England, Arts Council England, MLA and English Heritage.

Prior to his appointment in April 2005 Martyn was on secondment with Sport England to oversee the development and implementation of the TAES self assessment framework and support the wider development of the improvement agenda. Before his secondment Martyn was Assistant Chief Executive with Leicester City Council where he has been responsible for corporate and performance management across the Council for over seven years.

Martyn's early career was spent in leisure and recreation management as Deputy and Director of Leisure at Leicester City Council, Chief Recreation Officer at Scunthorpe Borough Council, and head of outdoor sport at Coventry City Council.

He is currently the Chair of the Quest Board.

Vanessa Rawlings-Jackson

Vanessa is Chief Executive of Cultivate, the organisational and audience development agency for the East Midlands. She began her career in the arts as the first General Manager at Perth Theatre and went on to hold key marketing and audience development roles as Marketing Director and consultant to major UK companies including Birmingham Rep, Nottingham Playhouse and Leicester Haymarket.

She is an assessor and monitor for Arts Council Wales on capital projects and recently was commissioned by the Wales Assembly government to lead a review on the Wales Millennium Centre. She is currently working as an advisor with the University of Bangor on the multimillion development of the new Pontio arts and innovation centre at the University.

Before joining Cultivate, Vanessa worked with Arts Council England specialising in marketing, audience development and business planning. Throughout her career she has gained extensive experience of a wide range of cultural organisations throughout the UK and abroad.

Richard Hunt

Richard is the Head of Service Development for Culture, Sport and Communities with Suffolk County Council. He has a broad strategic remit covering arts and museums, sport, tourism and Suffolk's 2012 Olympic and Paralympics programme, development of cultural policy and performance, cultural partnerships, the partnership for older people and community development programmes through culture.

His local government career spans some 19 years, working operationally and strategically at both district and county level, and nationally with the Local Government Association (LGA) as a Senior Policy Manager with a focus on education, cultural and social policy. During this time he was project lead for LGA cultural advocacy programmes.

Outside of the day job, Richard is currently the Chair of CLOA and Director of Culture First, the culture and sport improvement network for the East.

Robin Thomas

Robin is one of the most experienced fundraising consultants and project managers in the UK. Originally from Canada, there he held senior posts in the National Health Service, developing policy for and managing major philanthropic partnerships with the public healthcare system. Since coming to UK in 1998, he has advised and managed numerous private funding campaigns for public causes, including the NHS; the Foreign and Commonwealth Office; the Department for Trade and Industry; education; and cultural services. He is currently retained by Birmingham City Council to develop new models to attract philanthropy for its library facilities and services.