



## leadership news from the design museum

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The Design Museum, which opened in its new home in Kensington on 24 November, has announced two new appointments. Lord Mandelson is appointed as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He will replace current Chairman, Luqman Arnold in March 2017. Alice Black, Deputy Director of the museum, will become Co-Director with Deyan Sudjic.

Chairman Luqman Arnold said: 'The Trustees are delighted to announce these appointments. Peter Mandelson's wide experience of both the political and business worlds together with his passion for design will be of enormous benefit to the museum. Alice Black has been an outstanding Deputy Director with particular responsibility for the delivery of this building project on time and on budget. The Design Museum is in a secure position with an exciting future.'

Lord Mandelson said: 'To take over as chair of the Design Museum as it starts this huge new chapter in its life is very exciting and a great outlet for the love of design I have nurtured all my life. I want the museum not only to be a warm, interesting place to visit but also a means of promoting first rate design in industry, services and public policy. Luqman Arnold will be a hard act to follow. The new Museum stands as a permanent tribute to his endeavor together with Deyan Sudjic, Alice Black and, of course, Sir Terence Conran.'

Director Deyan Sudjic: 'The Design Museum is fortunate to have had such a committed and effective Chairman as Luqman Arnold who has served as Chair of the Board of Trustees since 2005. For more than ten years his enthusiasm and diplomacy have allowed the museum to flourish. Without him we would not have been able to make the transition to our new home. Thanks to his leadership and generosity, we are able to welcome the public to what we are confident will be the leading institution of its kind. The world of contemporary design and architecture is in his debt. I personally owe him for the unique opportunity that I have had to lead the museum. I would also like to acknowledge the vital and generous part Johannes Huth, the Deputy Chair for the last 5 years, has had in steering the project to completion. We are equally fortunate at this important moment in Luqman Arnold's successor. Lord Mandelson's enormous experience and his commitment to design will be a vital help to us as the museum develops its plans for the future. For me personally, the appointment of Alice Black a Co-Director is a wonderful development. We have worked together for over nine years and so much of our current success is due to her outstanding talent and ability.'

Since the museum opened in Kensington on 24 November, it has had 25,000 visitors including 17,500 over its opening weekend.

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#### **Notes to Editors:**

##### **Rt Hon Lord Mandelson**

Lord Mandelson has a distinguished track record. He is a former European Trade Commissioner and British First Secretary of State. Prior to this, he was Minister without Portfolio, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, Northern Ireland Secretary and Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills in the British government. He is now a member of the House of Lords, chairman of Global Counsel, a public policy advisory business he co-founded in 2010 and a senior adviser to Lazard. He is President of the Policy Network think tank and he became Chancellor of Manchester Metropolitan University in 2016.

##### **Alice Black**

Alice Black graduated from ESSEC Business School in France and began her career in banking in New York. Her experience in the UK spans work in the public and private sector, in large, multi-site national museums as well as independent museums. Formerly Head of Strategy and Planning at the Imperial War Museum and Curator of the Churchill Museum and Cabinet War Rooms, she has in-depth knowledge of museums' strategic and operational issues. In September 2007, she was appointed Deputy Director of the Design Museum, with a brief to develop audiences and increase self-generated income. This brief was later expanded to include exhibitions and programming. Over the last eight years, she has led the museum's project to relocate to Kensington High Street and create the leading museum of

contemporary design and architecture in the UK.

### **The Design Museum**

The Design Museum is the world's leading museum devoted to architecture and design, its work encompasses all elements of design, including fashion, product and graphic design. Since it opened its doors in 1989 the museum has displayed everything from an AK-47 to high heels designed by Christian Louboutin. It has staged over 100 exhibitions, welcomed over five million visitors and showcased the work of some of the world's most celebrated designers and architects including Paul Smith, Zaha Hadid, Jonathan Ive, Miuccia Prada, Frank Gehry, Eileen Gray and Dieter Rams. On 24 November 2016, The Design Museum relocated to Kensington, west London. Leading architectural designer John Pawson has converted the interior of a 1960s modernist building to create a new home for the Design Museum giving it three times more space in which to show a wider range of exhibitions and significantly extend its learning programme.

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