

- **LORD PUTTNAM CALLS FOR FULL ENTITLEMENT FOR CHILDREN TO QUALITY CULTURAL EDUCATION**

- **OVER 1,000 SIGNATORIES TO CULTURAL LEARNING ALLIANCE**

At a time of widespread cuts in education and culture budgets, over 1,000 teachers, academics, leaders of local authorities and cultural organisations have signed up to the Cultural Learning Alliance, chaired by Lord Puttnam, seeking to safeguard quality cultural experiences for children and young people.

The Cultural Learning Alliance is an informed voice for cultural learning and participation and a forum for the exchange of the most up-to date research, news and best practice for heads, teachers, cultural and youth professionals. Since the CLA's launch its list of supporters has been growing steadily. The Alliance demonstrates that the cultural, education and youth sectors are committed to working together to deliver and protect an entitlement to quality cultural experiences for every child and young person. www.culturallearningalliance.org.uk

Lord Puttnam, Chair of the Alliance said today: "We all know that the arts and culture make an essential contribution to the quality and depth of human existence. Among other things they bring participation, self-expression and essential skills into children's lives. The Alliance is an opportunity to work together towards ensuring that all children and young people have their full entitlement to quality cultural learning. Our immediate challenge is to collectively increase awareness of the value of cultural learning for children while policy and funding decisions are being made over the autumn."

Johanne Clifton, Headteacher of Allens Croft Primary School in Birmingham, said: "Cultural learning is at the heart of the life of our school. Learning is about emotional engagement, about wanting to achieve. For schools like mine, in challenging contexts, we need the motivation and engagement of cultural learning to make our children see that learning is real, it's important and it changes your world."

Rob Thomas, Headteacher of Thomas Tallis School, London said: "Achieving the very best results possible is something that we want for all our students but we must also remember that we are developing our students as citizens of the future – cultural experiences play an important role in this process. I fully support the work of the Cultural Learning Alliance in championing cultural learning at the highest level."

Sample of individuals signed up:

Viv Bird, Chief Executive, Booktrust

Anna Cutler, Director of Learning, Tate

Paul Cutts, Chief Executive, Exhibition Road Cultural Group

Peter Gregory, Senior Lecturer in Education, University of Greenwich

Polly Hamilton, Assistant Director Cultural Services, Blackpool Council

Rebecca Hiscocks, Teacher, Weoley Castle Nursery School & Children's Centre

Paul Kaiserman, Director, ArtForms Education Leeds

Alice King-Farlow, Director, Discover Programme, National Theatre

Jacqueline Laver, Headteacher, Priory School
Rosie Moss, Assistant Principal, Baxter Business & Enterprise College
Julian McDougall-Stone, Head of Chemistry, Alfreton Grange Arts College
Andrew Motion, Chair, MLA
Sandy Nairne, Director, National Portrait Gallery
Jonothan Neelands, Professor Of Drama and Theatre Education, University of Warwick
Jackie Pakes, Headteacher, Moorpark Junior School
John Pout, Headteacher, Rainhill High School – Media Arts College
Rachel Rick, Headteacher, King David Primary School
David Ruse, Director of Libraries and Culture, Westminster City Council
Alastair Tallon, Head of Learning & Participation, Royal Albert Hall
Pete Wilcox, Canon Chancellor, Lichfield Cathedral

Sample of organisation signed up:

Alfreton Grange Arts College
Architecture Centre Network
BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art
BFI (British Film Institute)
Chorlton High School
Design Museum
Grimley and Holt CE Primary
Harwood Meadows CP School
Historic Royal Palaces
Kids in Museums
Leicestershire County Council
National Children's Bureau
Royal Shakespeare Company
RSA
Science Museum
West Heath Primary School

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