

Prominent UK Sikh appointed to Chair of South East England Cultural Consortium

UK Culture Secretary, Tessa Jowell has appointed Sr. Kalwant Singh Ajimal as Chair of the South East England Cultural Consortium, the Regional Cultural Consortium for the South East, for four years. He succeeds Sir David Watson, the Consortium's founding Chair.

Sr. Kalwant Singh views his new role with relish. "The cultural agenda in the South East presents many challenges and opportunities. I am looking forward to leading a re-formed Consortium in delivering its strategy for cultural development across the region."

Welcoming the appointment, Paul Martin, Regional Director of the Government Office for the South East, commented "The creative, cultural, sporting and tourism sectors are key contributors to the economy and quality of life in our region. I look forward to working closely with Kalwant and his colleagues to help them achieve the Consortium's objective of maximising the cultural dividend in this part of England.

Sr. Kalwant Singh Ajimal is an innovative businessman in the creative industries who has been involved in business/management consultancy and staff development for 30 years, working for charities, community and in the commercial sector. Based in Guildford, Surrey, Kalwant is Managing Director of Open IT Developments Ltd, Executive Director of Asian Arts Access Ltd and Founder Chairman of "Community Action Partnerships." A former Chair of Slough Museum, he is also a Local Authority 'Best Value Inspector' for the Audit Commission.

About Cultural Consortium: Cultural Consortiums were set up in each English region outside London in 1999/2000 to provide an independent advisory body to ensure that culture and creativity have a strong voice at regional level.

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The venerable Prof. Hari Singh Everest of Yuba City has been the honorary representative of this Journal for the best part of four decades and more. On his relinquishment of the responsibilities, primarily due to his age, and at his suggestion, we approached the eminent scientist, scholar and theologian, Dr. Hakam Singh (of the Sikh Foundation of North America) to assume this responsibility. Notwithstanding his many preoccupations, Dr. Singh has acceded to our request. We extend our good wishes to Prof. Everest, and our grateful thanks to Dr. Hakam Singh for their willing dissemination of Satguru's divine mission.

