

Cultural Consortium Update*

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Public Sector Relocation – have your say

A review is underway to examine the relocation of a substantial number of public sector jobs and activity out of London and the South East to other parts of the UK. This is an important opportunity for the Northwest to make a clear case for specific effective regional location.

Sir Michael Lyons, leading advisor for the study, which 'in the light of the need to improve the delivery and efficiency of public services and the regional balance of economic activity' is interested in your views and experiences on public sector relocation.

The review is specifically interested in the following:

- Previous and current relocations (public and private sector)
- The scope for large operations working away from the centre to be feasible and affordable
- Economic impact on the regions of relocation
- How different government might look and perform in terms of policy development and service delivery

Libby Raper, Executive Director of The Cultural Consortium is putting together a single response from The Consortium - If you would like to contribute to the review please email comments and observations to cultural.consortium@nwda.co.uk before 29th August.

Further details about the review and the consultation exercise are available at www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/lyonsreview

Archive Awareness Month

Did you know that September 2003 is Archive Awareness Month? In celebration NWMLAC is bringing our history to life with the Northwest Archives Festival.

The festival will open with the '30 Best Archive Treasures in the Region' – as voted for by members of the public.

Festival events include the family history weekend in Liverpool and demonstrations of archive repair and conservation in Lancashire.

Janice Taylor, Archive Development Officer, NWMLAC, said "By focusing on the richness and importance of Northwest Archives, we want to inspire new users, of all ages and backgrounds – by making them aware of the resources they have on their own doorsteps"

For full details of festival events go to www.northwestarchives.org.uk

Investment is the main feature

Techinvest the independent introduction service for businesses and investors has helped secure almost £250,000 of private investment for the award winning Cumbrian film company 'Shoreline Films'

The production company based in Barrow in Furness will be using the cash injection to fund its first feature film 'Frozen' a psychological thriller set to send shivers down the spines of film buffs everywhere.

To find out more about Techinvest and their business angel programme go to www.techinvest.org

Research role

The Cultural Consortium and Arts Council England North West have joined together to create a new post to lead on research for the cultural sector in the region.

The Research Officer will put in place a robust framework for research collection, co-ordination and dissemination.

For an application pack email jobs.nw@artscouncil.org.uk

Got the verge?

The Verge Skills Programme is a series of imaginatively titled sessions aimed at the Creative Industries sector, including – 'If you want to make God laugh tell him your future plans' and 'All you good, good people.'

The master classes will be held the first Wednesday each month at the Lowry Hotel, Salford. All events are free, to register email theverge@nmp.biz

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Could this be the start of regional open doors?

Those clever types at the Liverpool Capital of Culture Office realise we can't wait until 2008 so they've come up with 'Celebrate 2008 on 20/08'

From events and special offers to activities and free gifts if it's happening on the 20th August 2003 contact the Capital of Culture Office info@liverpoolculture.com

www.culturenorthwest.org.uk

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