

Media statement: 30 March 2011

BALTIC

BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art can confirm that it has maintained core funding and is pleased that Arts Council England has supported new initiatives with an additional uplift at this challenging time.

For 2011 – 2012, BALTIC was granted support of £2,115,236 from Arts Council England which combined with an annual Lottery Funding grant of £698,250 secured a total of £2,813,486. Reflecting the funding structure outlined with Arts Council at BALTIC's inception these two funding streams will come together in 2012 in one single grant from ACE, giving the organisation future stability.

For 2012 – 2013, BALTIC will be supported with an Arts Council grant of £2,963,000*; this increase in funding is in response to BALTIC's wish to play a much stronger role in delivering support to other regional and national cultural organisations through its work with the NewcastleGateshead Culture Venues group and as hosts of Turning Point, the national strategic network for Visual Arts..

BALTIC Director, Godfrey Worsdale explains: *"We are very pleased to have been given clear and unequivocal support from Arts Council England which will allow us to build from a stable and secure foundation over the next four years. In supporting BALTIC, Arts Council has recognised all that we have achieved in recent times and also our commitment and ability to work with them and the wider arts sector to deliver important strategic objectives for both audiences and artists.*

Those of us who have been successful in the process should also consider the many organisations that Arts Council is no longer able to support. It is critical that we all continue to be mutually supportive to ensure that the richness and diversity of arts provision is maintained as fully as possible."

BALTIC Chairman Peter Buchan added: *"Culture has played an important role in the regeneration of this region and continues to significantly contribute to the local economy. I am grateful that Arts Council is continuing to support BALTIC and many of our partners. Through the NewcastleGateshead Cultural Venues and Turning Point we hope to support other organisations that may not be as fortunate as ourselves."*

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NOTES TO EDITORS

*BALTIC's funding will remain at this level, plus an additional value to reflect inflation, until 2015.

BALTIC is a major international centre for contemporary art situated on the south bank of the River Tyne in Gateshead, England. BALTIC presents a constantly changing, distinctive and ambitious programme of exhibitions and events, and is a world leader in the presentation, commissioning and communication of contemporary visual art. BALTIC has welcomed over 3.9 million visitors, since opening to the public in July 2002.

GALLERY INFORMATION:

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