



**GLAD CONFERENCE 2013:
START, SUSTAIN, SUCCEED: ART AND DESIGN EDUCATION
IN THE NEW POLICY LANDSCAPE**

Biographies

Professor John Last, FRSA, Vice-Chancellor, Norwich University of the Arts.

Professor John Last joined Norwich University of the Arts in January 2009, having worked in art and design higher education since 1989. He previously held the post of Deputy Principal at the Arts University Bournemouth from where he was awarded a Chair in 2008. John's first degree was in English with Philosophy and he subsequently took postgraduate awards in Education and Film Theory.

John's work has included research on student satisfaction and the National Student Survey (NSS), upon which he delivered conference papers and seminars whilst a member of the HEFCE National Steering Group for the NSS. Other external work includes Board membership of the Higher Education Statistical Agency.

John is an elected member of the Executive Council of GuildHE, Chair of the Group for Learning in Art and Design and Deputy Chair of the United Kingdom Arts and Design Institutions Association (ukadia). Within the eastern region he is a Board member of the Norwich Heritage Economic & Regeneration Trust (HEART), Mustard TV and the Forum Trust and is a Committee member of the East Anglian Art Fund.

Interests outside the visual arts include music, especially opera and watching cricket.

Lesley Butterworth, General Secretary, National Society for Education in Art and Design

Lesley Butterworth gained a BA (Hons) in Fine Art from West Surrey College of Art and Design and an MA in Museums and Galleries in Education from the Institute of Education, London. After teaching drawing and history of art and design for twelve years at Southampton Institute of Higher Education Lesley moved into the cultural sector and became Head of Education at the Design Museum, followed by Outreach Officer for the National Gallery. Lesley then became Director of Making it Work, an Arts Council funded initiative to make the case for support for craft in education. In 2007 Lesley joined the National Society for Education in Art and Design and was elected General Secretary in 2011.



Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr, Vice-Chancellor, University for the Creative Arts for

Prior to being appointed Vice-Chancellor of UCA, Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr was Executive Dean of Art, Design & Architecture at Kingston University where he led the expansion of the postgraduate portfolio, the internationalisation of the culture, the embedding of research, the transition of the Centre for Research in Modern European Philosophy from Middlesex to Kingston and the development of the Knights Park Campus. He was Dean for five years and for 2011/12 Art & Design at Kingston was placed in the top ten of the Guardian Subject League Tables. Before joining Kingston he was Academic Group Chair for Art, Philosophy & Visual Culture at Middlesex University. Simon has a BA in Fine Art (Exeter College of Art & Design, 1990), an MA in The Social History of Art (University of Leeds, 1992), and was awarded his PhD from Leeds University in 1997.