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Subject: **Invitation to the World Summit on Arts and Culture**

This message is sent under request of the Secretariat of the International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), which organises the World Summit on Arts and Culture in NewcastleGateshead, England between 14 –18 June 2006.

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Dear colleague

We take great pleasure in inviting you to attend the World Summit on Arts and Culture to be held in NewcastleGateshead, England between 14 –18 June 2006.

Jointly hosted by Arts Council England and the International Federation of Arts Councils and Culture Agencies (IFACCA), the Summit will explore the role of the arts and culture in regeneration under the theme *Transforming places, transforming lives*.

As well as hearing from internationally renowned speakers such as Justice Albie Sachs, former freedom fighter and member of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, Sir Ken Robinson, world expert in creativity in education, Gaétan Morency, vice president of Cirque du Soleil and Ferran Mascarell, Chair of Culture Barcelona City Council, there will be panel discussions and workshops presented by world experts in regeneration. You will have the opportunity to network with leaders of arts, culture and regeneration agencies from over 50 countries and exchange information about your policies and programs. You will be stimulated and inspired and learn from the wealth of case studies and tours on offer.

The Summit will be staged in The Sage Gateshead and other world-class arts venues. The Summit dinner will be hosted by the Duchess of Northumberland at Alnwick Castle, location for the films *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* and *Elizabeth*. An array of arts events and tours to world heritage sites such as Durham Cathedral and Hadrian's Wall will be woven through the Summit.

As there are only 100 places left, it is essential that you and your colleagues book as soon as possible. To register please use the attached booking form or the form (in English) in the enclosed brochure and fax your registration to +44 (0) 191 226 7370.

For updates on the World Summit, visit: <http://www.artsummit.org>.

For more information on IFACCA, please visit <http://www.ifacca.org>.

We look forward to welcoming you to the World Summit.

Yours sincerely

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