Kavita Puri has been reappointed to the board of the Victoria & Albert Museum

News story

The Prime Minister has reappointed Kavita Puri as a Trustee of the Victoria & Albert Museum for a four year term from 2 July 2022 to 1 July 2026.



Kavita Puri is an award-winning journalist, executive producer and broadcaster. She presents documentaries on BBC Radio 4 and the BBC World Service including The Inquiry. She devised, wrote and presented the landmark series, Partition Voices, on Radio 4 marking the 70th anniversary of the Partition of India. It was awarded The Royal Historical Society's Best Radio and Podcast prize and its overall Public History Prize. A legacy project, the testimonies are archived with the British Library. Partition Voices: Untold British Stories, was published in 2019 and is currently being adapted for the stage.

Kavita is also the creator, writer and presenter of Radio 4's Three Pounds in My Pocket, the first social history of South Asians in post-war Britain. It is currently on its fifth series. As the editor of Our World she commissioned and executive produced foreign documentaries which won awards from the Royal Television Society, the Foreign Press Association and the Association of International Broadcasters. She was named Journalist of the Year at the Asian Media Awards. She is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and was on the advisory committee of the Edinburgh International Television Festival. Kavita spent her early career at Newsnight where she also oversaw General Election coverage and led on large special events. She studied Law at Cambridge University.

Trustees of the Victoria & Albert Museum are not remunerated. This reappointment has been made in accordance with the <u>Cabinet Office's</u> <u>Governance Code on Public Appointments</u>. The process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee

in the last five years is declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Kavita Puri has declared no activity.

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