

Jude Kelly (Common Purpose Trustee) demonstrates how to lead outside authority.

“People who lead beyond their authority can produce change beyond their direct circle of control”



Artistic licence of Southbank boss over post

There is outrage in the artistic community as reports reach me that Jude Kelly, artistic director of the Southbank Centre, is rumoured to be vetting candidates for the job of chief executive of the Southbank, to fill the vacant spot left by Michael Lynch.

A spokesman for the Southbank denies that Kelly is involved in the vetting process but confirms she has been sitting in on interviews. "Naturally Jude and the chairman have met the candidates," says a spokesman. "But she absolutely isn't involved in the vetting process".

Critics have voiced concern and say her presence is most irregular. "It is not natural," says my source. "It is completely abnormal. If something were to happen to your boss would you be sitting in on the selection process for the replacement? It is entirely inappropriate for her to meet the candidates for Chief Executive - with the Chairman you would expect it - but not the creative director." Kelly, who once described herself as "Lucozade on legs", is certainly a force of nature.



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