

**2003 No. 2918**

**EDUCATION, ENGLAND**

**The Reading College and School of Arts and Design  
(Dissolution) Order 2003**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>12th November 2003</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>19th November 2003</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>31st December 2003</i>

Whereas the Secretary of State for Education and Skills has received a proposal from the Learning and Skills Council for England, made in accordance with section 51 of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992<sup>(a)</sup> (“the Act”), for the dissolution under section 27 of the Act of the further education corporation known as Reading College and School of Arts and Design<sup>(b)</sup> (“the corporation”);

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 27 of the Act, the Secretary of State, after consulting the corporation and with the consent of Thames Valley University<sup>(c)</sup>, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Reading College and School of Arts and Design (Dissolution) Order 2003 and shall come into force on 31st December 2003.

2. On 31st December 2003 the corporation shall be dissolved and all of its property, rights and liabilities shall be transferred to Thames Valley University.

3. Section 26(2), (3) and (4) of the Act shall apply to any person employed by the corporation immediately before 31st December 2003 as if the references in that section —

- (a) to a person to whom that section applies were to a person so employed;
- (b) to the operative date were to 31st December 2003;
- (c) to the transferor were to the corporation; and
- (d) to the corporation were to Thames Valley University.

12th November 2003

*Alan Johnson*  
Minister of State  
Department for Education and Skills

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(a) 1992 c.13.

(b) Established on 6th January 1997 by the merger of Reading College of Technology and Berkshire College of Art and Design, Maidenhead, which were both established by S.I. 1992/2097.

(c) Thames Valley University was formerly known as the Polytechnic of West London which was formed in 1991 from the mergers of Ealing College of Higher Education, Thames Valley College, Queen Charlotte’s College of Health Care Studies and London College of Music.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order dissolves with effect from 31st December 2003 the further education corporation established to conduct Reading College and School of Arts and Design. It provides for the transfer of its property, rights and liabilities to Thames Valley University and secures continuity of employment of its employees by applying section 26(2) to (4) of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992.

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