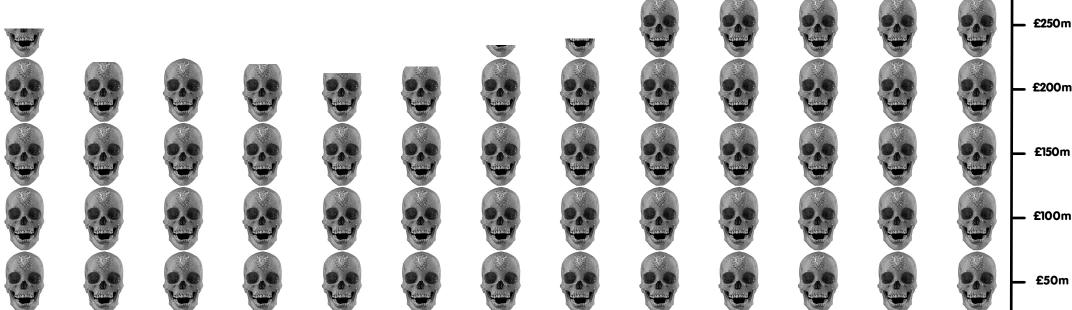
CRYING WOLF OVER ARTS FUNDING?

With £112.5 million of Arts Council England's Lottery share now earmarked to help pay for the Olympics overspend, it's the arts sector, not just the athletes, who'll be feeling the burn. <u>James Heartfield</u> surveys the results of New Labour's ten year arts funding spree and wonders, should we care if it's over? And will James get paid if it is?



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Graph: Department of Culture, Media and Sport Expenditure for the arts in England

£450m

£400m

£350m

£300m

1994-2006

Key: 1 Skull = £50 million

1994

1995