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# Public Appointments

## 16th October 2015

Please find below a selection of Public Appointments currently or soon to open for applications. Please forward this on to any prospective candidates within your personal and wider networks. Please note that information and timings can change.

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### Positions currently open to applications



#### Trustee - Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew - closes Monday 19 October


Royal Botanic Gardens Kew delivers botanical research and education. It aims to be the global resource in plant and fungal knowledge and the world's leading botanic garden.

Applications are sought from candidates with significant scientific research knowledge in a field relevant to the Royal Botanic Garden Kew's science and / or scientific collections, and the ability to communicate research to a diverse set of audiences. Successful candidates should have the ability to build collaborative relationships in pursuit of the work and purpose of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and work objectively to find creative solutions to strategic issues and develop a long-term organisational vision.


- Time: 10 to 12 days per annum.
- Remuneration: Un-remunerated.

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 **Non-Executive Director - NHS Blood and Transplant - closes Wednesday 21 October 2015**

NHS Blood and Transplant improves the supply of donated blood, organs and tissues and raises the quality, effectiveness and efficiency of blood and transplant services.

Applications are sought from candidates who are able to operate effectively on the board of a large and complex national organisation. Successful candidates should have either senior level experience in either corporate finance with financial qualifications or as a medically qualified clinician.

- Time: 2 to 3 days per month.
- Remuneration: £7,883 per annum

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 **Non-Executive Director - NHS Litigation Authority - closes Wednesday 21 October 2015**


The NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) manages negligence and other claims against the NHS in England on behalf of its member organisations. Our aim is to help resolve disputes fairly; share learning about risks and standards in the NHS and help to improve safety for patients and staff.

Applications are sought from candidates with excellent communication and team-working skills. Successful candidates should have the ability to draw balanced conclusions from complex and sometimes conflicting information and a good understanding of the strategic and operational management of NHS Trusts and hospitals, including experience in change management in an NHS hospital setting.

- Time: 2 to 3 days per month.
- Remuneration: £7,883 per annum.

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## **Member (x2) - The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority - closes Friday 23 October**

The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets regulates the monopoly companies which run the gas and electricity networks. It takes decisions on price controls and enforcement, acting in the interests of consumers and helping the industries to achieve environmental improvements.

Successful candidates should have a high level of personal integrity to support the reputation of the regulator. Applicants should have: excellent communication and interpersonal skills; the ability to contribute across a range of the Authority's business, taking a strategic view on decision-making including areas which require some financial or economic fluency; and a good understanding of the regulatory issues facing the Authority and the sector or the ability to gain this. Candidates should also have experience of either consumer interest, or leading and managing change in a large commercial organisation.

- Time: 40 days per annum.
- Remuneration: £20,000 per annum.

Full details are available on the [Public Appointments website](#)  
or for more information please contact [ofgemNED@penna.com](mailto:ofgemNED@penna.com)

## **SSRO Non-Executive Board Members - The Single Source Regulations Office - closes Tuesday 27 October**

Single Source  
Regulations Office


The Single Source Regulations Office is the independent regulator of non-competitive defence contracts.

Applications are sought from candidate who are able to work at Board level within a major organisation. Successful candidates should: be able to get to grips quickly with issues within defence and public sectors; have a good understanding and knowledge of any of the following disciplines - legislation, arbitration, regulation, procurement, finance, economics, management information / analytics, defence industry, or engineering; have strong verbal and written communication skills; have the ability effectively management change; have strong analytical skills; and have the ability to work in partnership across multi-sectors. This is a reserved post, the Ministry of Defence requires that candidates are UK nationals and be willing to undergo Security Clearance if selected for the position.

- Time: 2 to 4 days per month.
- Remuneration: £500 per day.

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Office of  
Tax Simplification

## **[Chair - Office of Tax Simplification - closes Friday 6 November 2015](#)**

The Chancellor would like to appoint an energetic and committed individual to chair the Office of Tax Simplification (OTS). This role offers a unique opportunity to participate in tax policy-making at the heart of government. The OTS provides independent advice to the Chancellor on simplifying the UK tax system, with the objective of reducing compliance burdens on both businesses and individual taxpayers.

Applications are sought from leaders with a general understanding and interest in taxation as well as an interest in wider public policy, who can demonstrate the potential to understand both the trade-offs and political choices that governments face when making tax policy and the issues faced by taxpayers.

- Time: 2 days per month.
- Remuneration: Commensurate with other public bodies.

Full details are available on the [Public Appointments website](#)  
or for more information please contact [OTSCChairRecruitment@HMTreasury.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:OTSCChairRecruitment@HMTreasury.gsi.gov.uk)



## **[Trustee - National Portrait Gallery - closes Monday 2 November 2015](#)**


National Portrait Gallery holds the largest and most distinguished collection of portraits in the world. The principal aim is to promote through the medium of portraits the appreciation and understanding of men and women who have made and are making British history.

Applications are sought from candidates who are able to demonstrate a sound understanding of the commercial/financial world and opportunities for increasing self generated growth. Successful candidates should have the ability to help the board provide advice and opinions to staff on the development of the National Portrait Gallery's Collection through the acquisitions and commissions process; to contribute to future policy and strategic developments with innovative thinking.

- Time: 2 days every three months.
- Remuneration: None.

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## **Non-Executive Director - UK Statistics Authority - closes Monday 2 November 2015**

The UK Statistics Authority promotes and safeguards the production, publication, quality and comprehensiveness of official statistics that serve the public good and ensures good practice in relation to official statistics.

Applications are sought from candidates with ability to analyse complex issues and to think independently, strategically and laterally, including scanning the horizon for future issues and offer constructive challenge to the board. Successful candidates should: have the ability to clear present complex subjects; be able to promote a clear understanding of the Authority's vision; have the ability develop and maintain relationships with disparate groups; the ability to build partnerships across organisations, participate in robust rigorous debate and negotiate satisfactory outcome; and be able to operate effectively at the highest level of government or private organisation.

Applicants should also have experience and senior level expertise in more or more of the following areas: an understanding of the use of statistics and data, both within and outside government; economic statistics and related analysis; delivering or overseeing major digital and/or IT transformations within a large organisation; understanding of management of data and data science; leadership of private or public-sector organisations; delivering or overseeing major digital and/or IT transformation within a large organisation; design and delivery of successful organisational and/or financial transformation; communications and the media; experience of risk management and the control environment; or independent regulation.

- Time: 2 days per month.
- Remuneration: £15,000 per year.

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## **Scientific and Economic Board Members for the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs**

The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) is responsible for safeguarding our natural environment, supporting our world-leading food and farming industry and sustaining a thriving rural economy. This means the work of the Department and its agencies has a major impact on people's day-to-day lives, from the food we eat and the air we breathe, to the water we drink.

Scientific advice plays a vital role in this work and Defra is now looking for high calibre scientists and economists for public appointment positions on the boards of a range of our public bodies this autumn. Current and upcoming opportunities at Defra Public Bodies include: [Royal Botanic Gardens Kew](#); [Adaptation Sub-Committee](#) (of the Committee for Climate Change); [Advisory Committee on Release to the Environment](#); [Natural England](#); and the [Environment Agency](#).

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## **Chair and Non-Executive Directors roles on local NHS Trusts**

The NHS TDA is responsible for making around 250 chair and non-executive appointments to NHS Trusts and NHS charitable trustees each year. There are regular opportunities around England on these high profile local organisations. These rewarding and influential roles provide an opportunity to be involved in decisions that affect our communities. By governing effectively NHS boards build patient, public and stakeholder confidence that their health and healthcare is in safe hands. Non-executive directors work alongside other executive directors and share responsibility for decisions made by the board, and the success of the organisation in leading the improvement of healthcare services for patients. You can find further information on these roles [here](#). You can also follow @TDAappointments for the latest news.

## **Additional Roles**

The public appointments website also contains details of many other interesting roles, including [Members for the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conservation Boards](#), an [Adjudicator at HM Revenue and Customs](#), the [President for the National Library of Wales](#), and a [Public Law Solicitor for the Family Justice Council](#).

## **Forthcoming Opportunities**

Key positions expected to be advertised within the next few months.

### **Armed Forces Pay Review Body - Member**

The Armed Forces' Pay Review Body provides independent advice to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Defence on the pay and charges for members of the Naval, Military and Air Forces of the Crown.

### **The Equality and Human Rights Commission - Chair**

The Equality and Human Rights Commission monitors human rights, protecting equality across 9 grounds - age, disability, gender, race, religion and belief, pregnancy and maternity, marriage and civil partnership, sexual orientation and gender reassignment.

### **Environment Agency - Members**

The Environment Agency works to create better places for people and wildlife, and support sustainable development.


### **Heritage Lottery Fund - Trustee**

HLF was set up by Parliament in 1994 to give grants to a wide range of projects involving the local, regional and national heritage of the United Kingdom.

### **Judicial Appointments Commission - Chair**

The JAC is an independent commission that selects candidates for judicial office in courts and tribunals in England and Wales, and for some tribunals whose jurisdiction extends to Scotland or Northern Ireland. They select candidates for judicial office on merit through fair and open competition from the widest range of eligible candidates. JAC is an executive non-departmental public body, sponsored by the Ministry of Justice.

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### **Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission - Commissioners**

The Marshall Aid Commemoration Commission administers the British Marshall Scholarships, which finance young Americans of high ability to study for a graduate degree in the UK.

### **Natural England - Member**

The Government's adviser for the natural environment in England, helping to protect England's nature and landscapes for people to enjoy and for the services they provide.

### **National Gallery - Trustees**

The National Gallery houses the national collection of paintings in the Western European tradition from the 13th to the 19th centuries.


### **NHS England - Members**

NHS England authorises the new clinical commissioning groups, which are the drivers of the new, clinically-led commissioning system introduced by the Health and Social Care Act.

### **Tate - Trustees**

The Tate is an institution that houses the United Kingdom's national collection of British art, and international modern and contemporary art.

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