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Public Appointments

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Positions currently open to applications



Independent Governor – Westminster Foundation for Democracy – closes Sunday 18 December 2016

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy supports democratic practices and institutions in developing democracies. Working with partner organisations, it strengthens the institutions of democracy, principally political parties, parliaments and institutions that make up civil society.

Applications are sought from candidates with a keen interest in political systems and world events with an understanding of democracy-strengthening, governance and political reform. Successful candidates should have sound judgement and the ability to absorb and analyse complex information; a track record of significant achievement in an academic, commercial, public or voluntary sector; experience of governance of a corporate body; good interpersonal skills; and knowledge of the workings of the public sector.

- Time: 4 days a year.
- Remuneration: Unremunerated.

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Business Services Authority **NHS Member (x2) – NHS Business Services Authority – closes Monday 19 December 2016**

The NHS Business Services Authority provides central services to NHS bodies, patients and the public, such as managing the NHS pension scheme, issuing European Health Insurance Cards and administering payments to pharmacists and dentists.

Applicants are sought from candidates who can provide an independent view and constructive challenge, holding the Authority to account for the delivery of its business plan. Successful candidates should have experience of either: high volume, commercial business in everyday consumables and goods and the business models which underpin successful delivery; or Human Resources, transformational change and organisational design in large, complex organisations.

- Time: 2 to 3 days per month.
- Remuneration: £7,882 per year.

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Army Trustee and Deputy Chair – Imperial War Museum – closes Friday 23 December 2016

The Imperial War Museum is unique in its coverage of conflicts, especially those involving Britain and the Commonwealth, from World War 1 to the present day. It provides for, and encourages, the study and understanding of the history of modern war and 'wartime experience'.

Applications are sought from candidates who have served, or are serving, at the most senior level in the Army. Successful candidates should have recent experience of senior level working with Government Ministers, senior officials and the media; have up-to-date contacts in the Army, Ministry of Defence and the defence sector; and interest in the history of modern conflict and people's experience of it; proven ability to take responsibility and demonstrate sound judgement in strategic decision making; excellent representational and communicational skills; and the ability to contribute to future policy and strategic developments with innovative thinking. The Army Trustee will also serve as a Deputy Chair.

- Time: 1 to 2 days per month.
- Remuneration: Unremunerated.

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UK Member to the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment – closes 30 December 2016

The Committee for the Prevention provides a non-judicial preventive mechanism to protect persons deprived of their liberty against torture and other forms of ill-treatment. It complements the judicial work of the European Court of Human Rights.

Applications are sought from candidates with a knowledge and understanding of human rights or professional experience in areas covered by the European Convention for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman Treatment. Successful candidates should have experience in discharging senior management responsibilities relating to human rights in a private, independent public or voluntary sector organisations and be able to demonstrate strong communication, negotiation and stakeholder engagement skills, with the ability and confidence to gain respect, influence others and challenge options where necessary.

- Time: 40 days per year.
- Remuneration: Unremunerated.

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Chair – NHS Pay Review Body – closes Tuesday 3 January 2017

The NHS Pay Review Body (NHSPRB) provides independent advice and recommendations on the pay of NHS staff paid under Agenda for Change.

Applicants are sought from candidates who can demonstrate the ability to effectively chair high level meetings, provide strong strategic leadership to the Review Body and be able to maintain the confidence of others, including Ministers, senior Government officials and representatives of employer and employee interests.

Successful candidates must also be able to: demonstrate the ability to think strategically; exercise sound judgement on complex and sensitive issues and analyse and interpret detailed information; and have a commitment to public service values.

- Time: 15 meetings per year
- Remuneration: £350 per meeting

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Member – Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew – closes Tuesday 3 January 2017

The Board of Trustees of the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew is responsible for ensuring that Kew Gardens operates within the guidelines set out by government and secures maximum value for money.

Applications are sought from candidates with expertise in horticulture, landscape and / or architecture. Successful candidates should have a knowledge and commitment to the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew supporting its purpose, values and strategic direction; have the ability to think strategically, deliver change and improvements and develop long-term organisational visions; and the ability to build collaborative relationships and command the confidence of Ministers, fellow Board members, Executive Directors, employees and stakeholders.

- Time: 10 to 12 days each year.
- Remuneration: Unremunerated.

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Member (x2) – Health and Safety Executive – closes Monday 9 January 2017

The Health and Safety Executive is the national independent watchdog for work-related health, safety and illness. It acts in the public interest to reduce work-related death and serious injury across Great Britain's workplaces.

Applications are sought from candidates with the ability to analyse health and safety issues, effectively contribute to Board activity in a high profile environment, influence and build consensus with a range of stakeholders, and work in a sensitive area under close public scrutiny. Candidates for the first post should have significant and senior experience of representing workforce issues, and networks with employees or workforce organisations and / or knowledge of workplace issues. For the second role, candidates should have significant and senior experience of local government. The ability to Chair, or attend, the Audit and Risk Committee, knowledge of health and safety issues, and on-going connections with stakeholder in Wales is desirable.

- Time: 30 days per year.
- Remuneration: £15,000 per year.

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BBC Members – BBC Board – closes Thursday 12 January 2017

From 3 April 2017, the BBC will be governed by its Board, which will replace the two-tier governance structure of the BBC Trust and the BBC's Executive Board. The new Board will be responsible for the exercise of all BBC functions in accordance with the Corporation's Royal Charter.

Applications are sought from candidates who have experience working at the highest level of public or commercial life, an understanding of the creative industries, experience of sitting on commercial / public sector boards, and experience in exercising excellent financial stewardship.

Four of these appointments will be for Non-Executive Members for the Nations, representing either England, Northern Ireland, Scotland or Wales. These individuals must demonstrate knowledge of the culture, characteristics and views of people and communities in that nation.

- Time: 1 to 2 days per week.
- Remuneration: £33,000 per year.

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[Members \(x2\) – Gas and Electricity Markets Authority \(Ofgem\) – closes Friday 20 January](#)

The Gas and Electricity Markets Authority is a non-Ministerial Government Department. The purpose of the Authority is to set the strategy and oversee the work of Ofgem, the Office of Gas and Electricity markets.

Applications are sought from candidates with proven leadership skills in large and complex organisations. Successful candidates should have the ability to contribute and inspire confidence with a wide range of stakeholders; an engaging and collaborative working style; demonstrable expertise in governance at a strategic level; and a genuine interest in contributing to the effective running of Ofgem. For some of roles, candidates will ideally have a high level of engineering/technical expertise; and/or experience in the development and/or deployment of innovative technological solutions

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

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 In addition, NHS Improvement appoint over 650 chairs and non-executive directors of NHS trusts and NHS charities, supporting them to find talented people with the skills and experience to help run vital NHS services for their local community. Becoming an NHS non-executive director can bring great rewards: new skills, fresh insights, a higher profile and enhanced credibility in your profession. Your expertise can have a huge impact. An effective NHS non-executive will articulate the voice of patients and the community. [See all our current vacancies.](#)



[Independent Monitoring Board \(IMB\) roles at local prisons and immigration removal centres](#)

Inside every prison, immigration removal centre and some immigration facilities at airports and ports, there is an Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) - a team of local people recruited especially for this unique and challenging role. IMB Members are independent, unpaid and work an average of 2-3 days per month. Their role is to monitor the day-to-day life in their local prison or removal centre and ensure that proper standards of care and decency are maintained. Opportunities arise regularly across England and Wales, and at a couple of immigration centres in Scotland. You can find out more about IMBs on their website [here](#).

Additional Roles

The public appointments website also contains details of many other interesting roles including [Members for Career Choices Dewis Gyrfa](#), [Member for the Civil Justice Council](#), a [Committee Member for the Local Consumer Advocate](#), an [Official Verderer of the New Forest](#), a [Non-Executive Director for the Vehicle Certification Agency](#), and a [Chair for the Welsh Revenue Authority](#).

Forthcoming Opportunities

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

[British Film Institute - Members](#)

The British Film Institute is a charity governed by Royal Charter. It combines cultural, creative and industrial roles, bringing together the BFI National Archive and BFI Reuben Library, film distribution, exhibition and education at BFI Southbank and BFI IMAX, publishing and festivals.

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Certification Office

The Certification Officer is responsible for statutory functions relating to trade unions and employers' associations.

Council for Science and Technology - Members

The Council for Science and Technology advises the Prime Minister on science and technology policy issues which cut across the responsibilities of government departments. The council is supported by a secretariat based in the Government Office for Science in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Court Examiners

Court Examiners are appointed by the Lord Chancellor. The posts are open to barristers or solicitor-advocates with three years standing. A Court Examiner may be assigned when a party applies for an order for a person to be examined before the hearing takes place, such as where someone is too ill to attend the trial, or where a foreign court requests evidence from a person who resides in this jurisdiction and not in the jurisdiction of the foreign court. A party may apply for a person to be examined on oath by, or to give a deposition to, a Court Examiner.

Ebbsfleet Development Corporation - Member

The Ebbsfleet Development Corporation was set up by Government to speed up delivery of up to 15,000 homes and create a 21st century Garden City in north Kent. The Corporation works with local authorities and local communities to develop a shared vision for the area, providing high quality, attractive and sustainably-constructed housing as well as places to live and work.

Imperial War Museum – Foreign and Commonwealth Trustee

The Imperial War Museum (IWM) was founded in 1917 to record the story of the Great War. Its remit was subsequently extended to cover the Second World War and today, IWM is a global authority on conflict and its impact focusing on Britain, its former Empire and the Commonwealth, from the First World War to the present.

Intellectual Property Office - Chair

The Intellectual Property Office is the official UK Government body responsible for intellectual property rights including patents, designs, trademarks and copyright.

NHS Blood and Transplant - Member

NHS Blood and Transplant is a joint England/Wales Special Health Authority responsible for the provision of a reliable, efficient supply of blood to hospitals in England, and associated services to the wider NHS. It is also the organ donation organisation for the UK and is responsible for matching and allocating donated organs.

UK Research and Innovation - Members

UK Research and Innovation is a new, independent, non-departmental public body, which will bring together the functions of the seven Research Councils, Innovate UK, and the research and knowledge exchange functions of the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) (to be known as Research England). The Higher Education and Research Bill (HERB) is currently progressing through Parliament, and still subject to parliamentary approval.

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