



WELCOME

Welcome to the latest edition of the Public Appointments Newsletter. This newsletter contains information about upcoming public appointments, as well as updates from the Public Appointments Policy Team in the Cabinet Office.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS SURVEY

In the previous edition of the newsletter we included a link to a survey which requested feedback from users on improving the Public Appointments website. We would like to thank those who took part in the survey, your comments will feed into the design of the future website.

Some of you said that you would be happy to help us further; we will be in touch.



SPOTLIGHT

Are you passionate about protected landscapes? The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is seeking new Members for the National Park Authorities and Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Conservation Board (AONBs). They need new Members to help conserve and enhance our most treasured sites. For more details on this campaign, please visit: <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/national-park-authorities-and-area-of-outstanding-natural-beauty-conservation-boards-secretary-of-state-members/>



WOMEN ON BOARDS

On 20 January, Louise Greenrod, Deputy Director of the Public Appointments Policy Team, spoke at the second in a series of three events organised by '[Women on Boards](#)' in partnership with the CBI and Northumbrian Water in Newcastle. The workshop focused on 'What are the responsibilities of a Non-Executive Director (NED)/Trustee' and was well attended with 60 women from the North East region with backgrounds in a wide range of sectors including business, education, technology and the third sector.

Feedback from attendees suggested that they found the session useful and interesting. We hope that by shining a light on the diverse opportunities available within Public Appointments, we met the event's objectives of encouraging more women to take up NED and public appointments at an earlier age. This will result in an improved pipeline of diverse talent for senior roles across the North East. If you are interested in finding out more about this network, you can get in touch with Sarah Glendinning at sarah.glendinning@cbi.org.uk

PINK SHOE CLUB

On 27 January, members of the team attended an event hosted by the [Pink Shoe Club](#). Delegates were a diverse mix of approximately 100 women working at senior levels in business. Louise gave a talk covering why attendees should be interested in becoming an appointee, and the government's ambitions for increasing diversity. The session was well received and there was a good degree of interest in public appointments from attendees at the networking session afterwards.

If you are interested in finding out more about this network, you can get in touch by emailing boardable@pinkshoeclub.com or by contacting the Programme Director Vanda Green at vanda@pinkshoeclub.com



DEPARTMENTAL UPDATE

The Department for International Trade (DIT) is seeking two independent members to join their Audit and Risk Assurance Committee (ARAC). An advert will go live on the [public appointments website](#) **21 February 2020**. The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee is comprised of three external members and two Non-Executive Board Members, including the Chair of the Committee. It is charged with ensuring that the Departmental Board and Accounting Officer of DIT gain the assurance they need on governance, risk management, the control environment and on the integrity of the financial statements, as well as other elements of the Annual Report and Accounts. The department welcome applicants from all backgrounds and particularly encourage women, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME), disabled and other underrepresented groups to apply.



Current vacancies can be found on the Public Appointments website <https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>. We welcome applications from a wide range of candidates who can demonstrate they have the required skills. We particularly encourage applications from women, disabled and ethnic minority candidates, as well as candidates from other groups which are underrepresented within public appointments.

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