

BRITISH LIBRARY – APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER

Eileen MacKay has been appointed as a Member of the British Library Board. The term of the appointment will be for four years from 17 July 2003.

Biographical Details

Eileen Mackay CB has been a non-executive director of the Royal Bank of Scotland plc and the Edinburgh Investment Trust since 1996. She was, until recently, a member of the Court of the University of Edinburgh and a member and audit committee chair of the Economic and Social Research Council. Formerly a career civil servant, Miss Mackay was the Principal Finance Officer of the Scottish Office, 1992-1996, and prior to this she held a range of policy development positions in the Civil Service. Miss Mackay holds no other public appointments and has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Notes to Editors

1. Part-time members of the Board receive remuneration of £8,101 per annum.
2. The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom, established in 1973 by the British Library Act 1972. The library is the national centre for reference study and bibliography and other information services. Its users include academics, independent researchers, people working in business and industry and those in the library and information science sector.
3. Appointments to the British Library Board are made by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport under the British Library Act 1972, with the exception of one part-time appointment which is made by Her Majesty the Queen.