



APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH LIBRARY BOARD

David Lammy, the Minister for Culture, has appointed Dawn Airey, Sir Kenneth Calman, Professor Wendy Hall CBE, Kate McLuskie and Maggie Semple as members of the Board of the British Library. Their terms will be for a four year period, from 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2011.

Biographical Details

Dawn Airey

Ms Airey is currently Managing Director of Channels and Services, Sky Television. Dawn joined British Sky Broadcasting in January 2003 as Managing Director of Sky Networks. Dawn has worked in television for 20 years, since joining Central TV as a management trainee in 1985. Early in her career, in 1988, she was the controller of programme planning at Central TV, and became director the following year. In 1993, Dawn was the controller of children's and daytime programmes at ITV, and moved to Channel 4 a year later to be the controller of arts and entertainment. Dawn joined Channel 5 as director of programmes in 1996, and became Chief Executive in 2000. She was awarded a Fellowship by the Royal Television Society in June 1998. She currently holds a non-executive directorship of easyJet, and has recently been appointed to the Board of Taylor Nelson Sofres as an NED. She is a Trustee of The Media Trust, a patron of BANFF World Television Festival and a Vice-President of the RTS.

Dawn Airey has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Sir Kenneth Calman

Sir Kenneth Calman is Chancellor of the University of Glasgow having just completed almost nine years as Vice Chancellor at the University of Durham. While in Durham he was a member of the Regional Committee of the CBI and of the North East Chamber of Commerce. Before taking up his appointment at the University of Durham he was Chief Medical Officer at the Scottish Home and Health Department from 1989 and the Chief Medical Officer for England (1991-98). Sir Kenneth also served for many years as a prominent clinical professor and he is the author of many books on the care and treatment of cancer and on medical education. His most recent book is on the history of medical education. He is currently a member of the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, and President of the Institute of Medical Ethics. He Chairs the NHS Genetics Education Group and is a member of the Scottish Science Advisory Committee. Sir Kenneth has served as Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation and the European Environment and Health Committee. He is a Fellow of several academic and professional bodies including the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. In 1996 he became a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath.

Sir Kenneth Calman has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Kate McLuskie

Professor McLuskie is currently Director of the Shakespeare Institute, a renowned research and postgraduate centre within the University of Birmingham. She has previously held senior academic leadership roles as Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of Kent and Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Southampton. Before taking up her position as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Southampton, Professor McLuskie was previously Head of English and Director of the Arts Faculty School of Research and Graduate Studies. She has been actively involved in the work of the Arts and Humanities Research Board and is also Fellow of the English Institute. Professor McLuskie is currently directing an AHRC funded research project; 'Interrogating cultural value in 21st Century England: the case of Shakespeare'

Professor McLuskie has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Maggie Semple

Maggie Semple is Chief Executive Officer and a Director of The Experience Corps Ltd

(TEC) and Director of Blue Ocean Solutions Ltd. She was previously Director of the Learning Experience at the New Millennium Experience Company Ltd (1997-2001), Director of Education and Training at the Arts Council of England (1989-1997), a teacher, school inspector and a deputy head teacher (1979-1988). Maggie serves on a range of Boards including McDonalds Restaurant's Advisory Board, Chair of the Dana Centre at the Science Museum, Chair of the National Research & Development Centre at the Institute of Education, Chair of the National Youth Music Theatre, a Governor of De Montfort University and London University, a Trustee of National Museums of Science & Industry (NMSI), Balance Foundation for Unclaimed Assets, Brit School, Sadlers Wells Theatre Trust and Arts Educational Schools Trust. Maggie was appointed a Civil Service Commissioner in 2001. Maggie has served on a number of Government and EU task groups including DfEE National Curriculum (1989-1991), DfEE Widening Participation (1993-1995); DfEE Life-long Learning (1996-1998); DfES e-learning (1999-2000). In 2001 Maggie was awarded an OBE for her services to education in the UK, an Honorary Doctorate from De Montfort University and in 2005 became a Fellow of the City and Guilds Institute and a member of its Council in 2006.

Maggie Semple has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Professor Wendy Hall CBE, FREng

Wendy Hall is Professor of Computer Science at the University of Southampton, UK. She was the founding Head of the Intelligence, Agents, Multimedia (IAM) Research Group in the School of Electronics and Computer Science (ECS) at Southampton and is currently the Head of School. Her research interests include hypermedia, multimedia, web technologies and digital libraries. She is a member of the Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology and a founding member of the new Scientific Council of the European Research Council.

Professor Hall has not carried out any political activity in the last five years.

Notes for Editors

1. The British Library is one of the greatest research libraries in the world. It underpins the UK's contribution to research, scholarship and business innovation, and has a mission to help people advance knowledge to enrich lives. It is a world class cultural institution with a vital role as holder of the national memory; its renowned collection of over 150 million items is housed on 360 miles of shelving at its award winning building at St Pancras and its northern site in Yorkshire. It continues to adapt its role in a complex and fast-changing technical and publishing environment.
2. These post attract a remuneration of £8,660 plus expenses.
3. These appointments have been made in accordance with the Office of the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.
4. All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.