

Sheila Forbes has been appointed as a Member of the British Library Board. The term of the appointment will be for four years from 20 January 2003.

Biographical Details

Ms Sheila Forbes is a Human Resources consultant in both the public and private sector, she is currently a Civil Service Commissioner, non-executive director at both Lloyds TSB and OCS Group Ltd and Chair of the Board of Governors at Thames Valley University. Ms Forbes was previously Vice President and Chair of the Institute for Employment Studies (1998-02), and Chair of the Advisory Board of Quest.

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

Note for Editors

1. Part-time members of the British Library Board receive remuneration of £7,923 per annum.

2. The British Library is the national library of the United Kingdom, established by the British Library Act 1972. The library is the national centre for reference study and bibliography and other information services, in relation both to scientific and technology matters and to the humanities. Its collection of books, journals, manuscripts and other articles exceeds 150 million items and its users include academics, independent researchers and people working in the library and information science sector and in business and industry.

3. The Library employs over 2,000 staff and operates from its Headquarters at St. Pancras, the Newspaper Library at Colindale, and from its Document Supply Centre at Boston Spa in Yorkshire. It receives over £80 million per annum in funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and generates significant additional income through the services it provides.

4. 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.