

TAHA IDRIS

Press Notice

The Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport has appointed Taha Idris to the Board of the Community Fund, a role that involves membership of the Wales Committee, with effect from 1 April 2003 for a period of up to 3 years.

The Community Fund, formerly known as the National Lottery Charities Board, is an independent body, established by the National Lottery etc. Act 1993, to distribute money raised by the Lottery to charities and voluntary and community groups. So far, the Board has made over 49,000 grants worth over £2.3 billion.

Mr Idris, with his particular experience in the Voluntary and Community Sector in Wales coupled with his business background, will prove to be an asset to the Community Fund Board and the Wales Committee.

Biographical Details

Taha Idris was appointed to the Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council in November 2000 as the Director. He has been in the racial equality council movement since the incorporation of West Glamorgan Community Relations Council (the predecessor to the Swansea Bay Racial Equality Council) in 1982/83.

Since the introduction of RRAA 2000, Mr Idris led a number of workshops and presentations throughout Wales on RRAA including training of ESTYN Inspectors, the Beyond Rhetoric Conference for the voluntary sector, the Probations Service, local college and Welsh University Vice-Chancellors. Mr Idris has worked in local government since 1983, his last post was as Head of Financial Accounts for Lancashire Constabulary 1993-2000. He was an active member of the NW region management Committee of BBC Children in Need (1993-2000).

Mr Idris is a member of the Lord Chancellor's advisory Committee for West Glamorgan and was appointed by the Home Secretary as assessor to the County and High Court Judges in 1991. He was made a freeman of the City of Swansea in 1985. He has not carried out any significant political activity in the last 5 years. This appointment is covered by the Commissioner for Public Appointments' Code of Practice.