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## **IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM**

The Prime Minister has re-appointed Tom Wright CBE as a Trustee of The Imperial War Museum until 31 August 2012..

### **Biographical details**

Tom Wright became the Chief Executive of VisitBritain following the merger of the British Tourist Authority with the English Tourism Council in 2003. Before this, he worked for Scottish and Newcastle plc, Center Parcs and was Managing Director of Saga Holidays. He also sits on the boards of South West Tourism and Visit London. He was awarded a CBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours in 2007 for services to the tourism industry.

### **Background**

The Imperial War Museum was founded in 1917 to record the story of the Great War. Its remit has subsequently been extended to cover the Second World War and all military operations involving Britain or the Commonwealth since August 1914. Its goal is to enrich people's understanding of the causes, course and consequences of modern war. The Museum's collections, in addition to artefacts, include a major national art collection, a film and video archive, extensive archives of documents, photographs and sound records, and an important specialist reference library. Its trustees are not remunerated.

Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for political activity in the past 5 years (if any declared) to be made public. Mr Wright has declared no political activity.