

Big Lottery Fund Reappointments

Siôn Simon, Minister for Creative Industries, has reappointed Roland Doven, John Gartside, Anna Southall, and Diana Whitworth as Members of the Big Lottery Fund and Huw Vaughan Thomas as the Welsh Country Chair for second terms of three years from 1st December 2009 to 30th November 2012.

Biographical information

Roland Doven MBE

Roland Doven has been a consultant to a range of grant-makers and operational charities, since 2000 when he left the Association of Charitable Foundations where he had been Director of Programmes since 1993. Since 1999, he has also adjudicated for the General Medical Council, having been a Lay Member of Council until 2003. Current voluntary work includes sitting as a magistrate, following his appointment to the bench in 1990. He also acts as an occasional Surgery Clerk to his local MP, having served as a Councillor within the London Borough of Lambeth between 1998 and 2002. Other activities have included: Vice President of the National Association of Bereavement Services (1988-2002); administrator of the National Community Health Resource (1989-90); Assistant Director of the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (1990-93); member of the Stonewall Citizenship 21 project (2000-03); Trustee of Addaction (2003-2005); and Independent Member of the Parole Board (1997-2006). He was awarded an MBE in 2004.

John Gartside OBE

John Gartside has been chair of Warrington Primary Care Trust since October 2006. He has also been Chair of 5 Boroughs Partnership (specialist mental health trust 2002-2006); Chair of Warrington Community Health Care NHS Trust (1995-2002); Director of external relations at Warrington Collegiate Institute (1993-97) and previously Head of Management and Professional Studies Department (1989-93); and a Member of the Warrington and Runcorn New Town Development Corporation (1983-1989). Mr Gartside has also been Leader of Warrington Local unitary Authority (1992-2002); Chair of Cheshire Local Government Association (2000-02); a magistrate (1978-present); Founder Member of North West Regional Assembly (resigned 2002); Member of the Cheshire Police Authority (1998-2004); Deputy Lieutenant for Cheshire. Trustee and Company secretary Foundation for Peace (Peace Centre in Warrington); Freeman of Warrington and a Trustee of the Warrington Wolves Foundation. He was awarded an OBE in 2000.

Anna Southall

Anna Southall's experience includes: Member of the independent advisory panel on Futurebuilders (2005-07); Member of the Spoliation Advisory Panel (2000-present); Chair of Barrow Cadbury Trust and Barrow Cadbury Fund 1996-2006; Member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Charitable Foundations (2004-present); and Chair of Institute of Conservation

(2005-6). Previously she was Chief Executive of the Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (2002-3) and Director of the National Museums & Galleries of Wales (98-2002).

Huw Vaughan Thomas

Huw Thomas is currently director of Taro Consultancy Ltd. He was formerly Chief Executive of Denbighshire County Council (1995-2001); Chief Executive of Gwynedd County Council (1991-96); Director for Wales at the Department of Employment (1988-91); Regional Director of Department of Employment, South West England (1986-88). Mr Thomas' current public appointments include: Independent Member of the Parole Board for England & Wales; Consumer Member of the Hearing Aid Council. Previous public appointments include: Olympic Lottery Distributor (2005-6); Member of Commission on powers & electoral arrangements of National Assembly for Wales (2002-04); lay member of Law Society Council and Vice-Chair Committee for Wales (2001-6)

Diana Whitworth

Diana Whitworth's experience includes: Co-Director, Grandparents plus (2004 - 2007); Chief Executive, Carers UK (1999-2003); Head of Public Affairs/Senior Policy and Development Officer at National Consumer Council (1990-99/1988-90); Senior R and D Officer NACAB (1980 - 1988); Senior Consumer Adviser, Hillingdon Consumer Advice Centre (1973-77); Member of Connecting for Health Service Joint Governance Board (2005-2008); Council Member at Advertising Standards Authority (2005-present); Trustee John Ellerman Foundation (2008 - present); Chair of external reference group of the National Service Framework for Long Term Conditions (2002-2005); Member of Strategic Research Board at the Economic and Social Research Council (2003-2006); Member of the BBC Appeals Advisory Committee (2002-2007); Portman Group Independent Complaints Panel (1997-2003).

Background

1. BIG was formed through administrative merger in June 2004 out of two distinct bodies, the New Opportunities Fund and the Community Fund. It was created in law following the National Lottery Act 2006 and came into being formally on 1 December 2006. It also inherited the responsibilities of the Millennium Commission at the same time. BIG was created as a single organisation, with a new vision, new values, a new brand, and with a new role in funding for health, education, environment and charitable purposes. Its brief extends to promoting the benefits of Lottery funding more extensively, for example, providing shared services in areas such as website information across the Lottery distribution bodies.
2. BIG distributes 50% of the good causes money raised through the UK National Lottery and is committed to bringing real improvements to

communities and the lives of people most in need. BIG has awarded grants that have helped change the lives of disadvantaged and socially excluded people throughout the UK.

3. BIG's board is led by the Chair, Sir Clive Booth and is made up of seven general members and four Country Chairs, The national Chairs have the additional responsibility of leading committees supervising the distribution of funds within their countries.
4. Board Members may claim remuneration of £218 per day in addition to reasonable travel and subsistence expenses. The Country Chair's receive an annual remuneration of £25,256, in addition to reasonable travel and subsistence expenses.
5. This appointment has been made in accordance with the OCPA Code of Practice. 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 appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Anna Southall, Huw Vaughan Thomas and Diana Whitworth have declared no political activity. Roland Doven OBE has canvassed on behalf of the Labour Party and acted as Surgery Clerk to a Labour Party Member of Parliament. John Gartside MBE was previously Leader and Member of Warrington Borough Council (Leader from 1992-2002) for the Labour Party and a Labour Party member until 2006.