Professor Jane Francis

Director, British Antarctic Survey. For services UK Polar Science and Diplomacy

Professor Francis is an outstanding scientist and was only the 4th woman in history to receive the Polar Medal in 2002. Since being appointed Director in 2013 she has had a dual role of ensuring UK scientific polar excellence and promoting British sovereign interests in Antarctica. As the first female Director, she has embraced gender diversity and has been an inspiration and influential figure in the British scientific establishment. She is globally recognised as a leader in Polar Science and has made a significant contribution to our understanding of palaeo-climates. She has also undertaken a wide range of international roles which further promote the UK's polar interests and sits on polar science advisory boards for other countries.

Iain Macleod

Legal Adviser, Foreign and Commonwealth Office. For services to diplomacy and overseas policy

Iain Macleod has made an outstanding contribution to the rule of law, in particular international law through his first class legal advice in support of UK national objectives. He has had a long and distinguished record in a range of difficult roles and served the Government Legal Service in senior roles in the Attorney General's Office, the Home Office, the Cabinet Office and the Foreign Office.

Professor Nicholas John White OBE

Chairman, Wellcome Trust, SE Asian Research Units, Professor of Tropical Medicine, Oxford, UK/Mahidol University, Thailand. For services to tropical medicine and global health

Professor White’s work has provided a greater understanding of a wide range of tropical diseases, including the development of new antimalarial drug treatments, the scale of counterfeit drug usage and the benefits of combination therapies. However, his biggest contribution was the leadership of the clinical trials that established the most effective treatment for severe malaria which has saved hundreds of thousands of lives. He has also led on work for the World Health Organisation on malaria and has helped cement the UK’s leading role in tropical medicine.
Anna Wintour OBE

Editor-in-chief, American Vogue, Artistic Director at Condé Nast. For services to fashion and journalism

Anna Wintour is recognized for her enormous and long-standing contributions to the fashion industry and journalism. She has been a tireless advocate for established and emerging designers; in the U.K. alone, she has promoted the careers of such talents as Sarah Burton, John Galliano, Christopher Bailey, Erdem Moralioglu, and Christopher Kane. She serves as a trustee of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and has raised more than $168 million for the museum’s Costume Institute.

David Adjaye OBE

Architect. For services to architecture

David Adjaye is recognised for his contribution to architecture and design. He is one of the leading architects of his generation and a global cultural ambassador for the UK. His designs include the Nobel Peace Centre in Oslo in the shell of a disused railway station and the Idea Stores in Tower Hamlets, London where he pioneered a new approach to the provision of information services, as well as the Museum of Contemporary Art in Denver and numerous private commissions. His most recent major achievement was the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC.

Dr Jeffrey Philip Tate CBE

Chief Conductor, Hamburg Symphony Orchestra. For services to British music overseas

Dr Jeffrey Tate is recognised for his outstanding contribution to music. He is one of the UK’s pre-eminent international musicians and one of the most versatile and respected conductors on the international stage. Principal Conductor of the Hamburg Symphony Orchestra since 2009, he has also featured as a guest conductor with nearly every major orchestra and opera house in the world. He has brought the work of British composers to audiences outside the UK and is one of the world’s foremost interpreters of German music. He was born with spina bifida and has raised awareness of the condition through his music and his work as President of the UK Spina Bifida charity, Shine, since 1989.