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## **The British Library: reappointments to the Board**

Ed Vaizey, the Minister for Culture, Communications and Creative Industries, has reappointed the following part-time Board Members for second terms of four years, starting on 1 April 2011: Dawn Airey, Professor Sir Kenneth Calman, Professor Dame Wendy Hall, Professor Kate McLuskie, and Dr Maggie Semple.

Dawn Airey, President of CLT-UFA UK TV, is one of the more colourful figures in British television. She has worked in the industry for more than 25 years, starting out as a management trainee at Central TV in 1985. She joined the RTL Group subsidiary CLT-UFA UK TV in September 2010 from Five where, as Chair and CEO, she oversaw the sale of the business to Northern and Shell. Previously she was Managing Director, Global Content at ITV where she oversaw its UK and international production and content businesses. Prior to that, she was BSkyB's Managing Director, Channels & Services, with responsibilities that included the multichannel operator's wholly-owned and joint venture channels and their distribution to other platforms. She has also held senior posts at Channel 4 and between 2000-02 was Five's CEO, having been the broadcaster's Director of Programmes at launch. In addition to her executive responsibilities at RTL, Dawn is the Chair of The Grierson Trust, and a non-executive Director of Thomas Cook PLC and Love Film. She is also a Fellow of the Royal Television Society and a Vice President of the RTS. She holds no other public appointments, and has undertaken no political activity in the last five years.

Professor Sir Kenneth Calman is Chancellor of the University of Glasgow, having previously been Vice Chancellor at the University of Durham. While in Durham he was a member of the Regional Committee of the CBI and of the North East Chamber of Commerce. Before taking up his appointment at the University of Durham he was Chief Medical Officer at the Scottish Home and Health Department from 1989 and the Chief Medical Officer for England (1991-98). Professor Sir Kenneth also served for many years as a prominent clinical professor and he is the author of many books on the care and treatment of cancer and on medical education. His most recent book is on the history of medical education. He chairs the National Institute of Cancer Research, and is President of the Institute of Medical Ethics. Professor Sir Kenneth has served as Chairman of the Executive Board of the World Health Organisation and the European Environment and Health Committee. He is a Fellow of several academic and professional bodies including the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal Society of Edinburgh. In 1996 he became a Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath. He is a Deputy Lieutenant in the City of Glasgow, and Chairman of the National Trust for Scotland. He holds no other public appointments, and has undertaken no political activity in the last five years.

Professor Dame Wendy Hall DBE is Professor of Computer Science and Dean of the Faculty of Physical and Applied Sciences at the University of Southampton, UK. She



was the Head of the School of Electronics and Computer Science at Southampton from 2002-2007. Her research interests include web science and web technologies, hypermedia, multimedia and digital libraries. She is a director of the Web Science Trust and Chair of IST Advisory Group which advises the European Commission on its overall strategy for ICT research. She was a member of the Prime Minister's Council for Science and Technology from 2004-2010. She holds no other public appointments, and has undertaken no political activity in the last five years.

Professor Kate McLuskie is currently Director of the Shakespeare Institute, a renowned research and postgraduate centre within the University of Birmingham. She has previously held senior academic leadership roles as Pro Vice Chancellor at the University of Kent and Deputy Vice Chancellor at the University of Southampton. Before taking up her position as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Southampton, Professor McLuskie was Head of English and Director of the Arts Faculty School of Research and Graduate Studies. She has been actively involved in the work of the Arts and Humanities Research Board and is also Fellow of the English Institute. Professor McLuskie has recently completed an AHRC funded research project, 'Interrogating cultural value in 21st Century England: the case of Shakespeare', and is researching the role of regional patronage in the historical development of the arts. Professor McLuskie is a trustee of the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and a governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company. She holds no other public appointments, and has undertaken no political activity in the last five years.

Dr Maggie Semple OBE is Chief Executive and Director of The Experience Corps Ltd (TEC). She was previously Director of the Learning Experience at the New Millennium Experience Company Ltd (1997-2001), Director of Education and Training at the Arts Council of England (1989-1997), a teacher, school inspector and a deputy head teacher (1979-1988). Maggie serves on a range of Boards including Criminal Cases Review Commission, London South Bank University, the Southbank Centre, National Youth Music Theatre, National Museums of Science & Industry (NMSI), The Brit School, and Sadlers Wells Theatre Trust. Maggie is Chair of National Research and Development Centre at the Institute of Education. Maggie was appointed a Civil Service Commissioner in 2001-2007. Maggie has served on a number of Government and EU task groups including DfEE National Curriculum (1989-1991), DfEE Widening Participation (1993-1995); DfEE Life-long Learning (1996-1998); DfES e-learning (1999-2000). In 2001 Maggie was awarded an OBE for her services to education in the UK, an Honorary Doctorate from De Montfort University and in 2005 became a Fellow of the City and Guilds Institute and a member of its Council in 2006. She holds no other public appointments, and has undertaken no political activity in the last five years.

## Background

The British Library is one of the greatest research libraries in the world; in terms of the breadth and depth of collection and the range of services it provides it is the greatest. As it pursues its mission to advance the world's knowledge, it underpins the UK's contribution to research, scholarship and business innovation. It aims to provide resources, tools, experts and services to inspire creativity and to support a vibrant and diverse research population. Research increasingly functions in a world of



e-resources, virtual tools and collaborative communities, and a choice of where to work physically. And so the Library is increasingly exploiting the advantages of technology to offer wider access to its renowned collection of over 150 million items, housed on 360 miles of shelving at its award winning building at St Pancras and its northern site in Yorkshire.

Board members may claim £9,130 per year for their part-time contribution, in return for approximately two days per month dedicated to the role.

These reappointments have been made in accordance with the Code of Practice of the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.