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Re-appointment of Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas DBE to the Board of the Imperial War Museum (IWM)

The Prime Minister has re-appointed Dame Judith Mayhew Jonas for a second term of 4 years from 12 November 2012.

Biographical Details

Dame Judith was first appointed by the Prime Minister to the IWM Board in November 2008. She is Chair of The New West End Company and of London & Partners. She originally trained, lectured and practised in law, at first in New Zealand and then in London, rising to become Special Adviser to the Chairman at Clifford Chance (2000-2003). Her career has also included many distinguished roles in public life. She was Leader of the City of London Corporation between 1996 and 2004, has served on the board of the London Development Agency and was Chair of The Independent Schools Council. She is a Governor of Westminster School and has previously been a Trustee of The Geffrye Museum, the Natural History Museum, and The British Museum Development Trust. Until 2008 she was Chair of The Royal Opera House. Dame Judith was awarded DBE in 2002 for services to the City of London. She is Chair of the Regeneration: IWM London Committee

Background

1. **IWM (Imperial War Museums)** tells the story of people who have lived, fought and died in conflicts involving Britain and the Commonwealth since the First World War.
2. Our unique Collections, made up of the everyday and the exceptional, reveal stories of people, places, ideas and events. Using these, we tell vivid personal stories and create powerful physical experiences across our five museums that reflect the realities of war as both a destructive and creative force. We challenge people to look at conflict from different perspectives, enriching their understanding of the causes, course and consequences of war and its impact on people's lives.
3. IWM's five branches are **IWM London**, IWM's flagship branch with six floors of exhibitions and displays; **IWM North**, housed in an iconic award-winning building designed by Daniel Libeskind; **IWM Duxford**, a world renowned aviation museum and Britain's best preserved wartime airfield; **Churchill War Rooms**, housed in Churchill's secret headquarters below Whitehall; and the Second World War cruiser **HMS Belfast**.
4. **First World War Centenary: 2014 - 2018** marks the centenary of the First World War, a landmark anniversary for Britain and the world. IWM will mark the centenary by leading a vibrant, four year programme of cultural activities across



the country, including the opening of brand new First World War galleries at IWM London in 2014. For more information visit www.1914.org

- 5 The post is not remunerated. Reasonable expenses can be claimed.
- 6 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 United Kingdom in the past five years (if any declared) to be made public. Dame Judith has engaged in no such activity in the past five years.