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New Board Members at the S4C Authority

Ed Vaizey has appointed Dr Carol Bell and Aled Eirug as Board Members of the S4C Authority, for four year terms commencing on 17 September 2012.

Biographical details

Dr Carol Bell

After starting her career in oil and gas, Carol moved into investment banking in 1986 and held senior positions at JP Morgan and Chase Manhattan before leaving the City to write a doctorate on the archaeology of ancient trade in the Eastern Mediterranean in 2000. Since completing her thesis in 2005, she has developed a range of business and charity interests. Carol serves on three public company boards as a non-executive director (Salamander Energy plc, Petroleum Geo-Services ASA and Det norske oljeselskap ASA); she chairs the Investment Committee of Girton College, Cambridge; and is Treasurer of The British School at Athens and the Institute for Archaeometallurgical Studies at University College London, where she is also a member of the Campaign Executive Committee. She is also a trustee of the Levantine Foundation and the Renewable Energy Foundation. Carol continues her academic research and participates in teaching MA courses at UCL, where she is an Honorary Research Associate. She is a frequent broadcaster on business related matters in the Welsh language. Carol comes from Felindre, Swansea and was educated at Ysgol Gyfun Ddwyiethog Ystalyfera.

Aled Eirug

Aled is a media and policy adviser, with a background in broadcasting, politics and public service. A journalist for 25 years, he was BBC Wales's Head of News and Current Affairs (1992-2003), and then its Head of Corporate Responsibility (2003-2006), before becoming the constitutional adviser to the Presiding Office of the National Assembly of Wales (2006-May 2011). He chairs the Wales Advisory Committee of the British Council, and is a member of the Welsh Advisory Board of Nominet, the UK internet company. He has been chair of the Welsh Refugee Council (2006-2011) and has worked as journalism consultant for the British Council in Lebanon, Armenia and Kyrgystan.

Background

S4C (Sianel Pedwar Cymru – the Welsh Fourth Channel) was established to provide a wide-ranging and high quality television service in Welsh. The S4C Authority is responsible for the provision of S4C's services and ensuring that S4C is delivered as a public service and also that effective management arrangements, including financial management, are in place in relation to S4C's public and commercial activities. Authority Members devote approximately one day per week to the role, and receive £9650.00 per year in remuneration, together with reasonable expenses.

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. Dr Bell and Mr Eirug have each declared no such political activity.