

# Krishnan Guru-Murthy reappointed to the board of Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

Krishnan Guru-Murthy's second term will run from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2024.

The reappointment has been made in accordance with the Governance Code on Public Appointments published by the Cabinet Office. All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process.

## **Biographical details**

Krishnan Guru-Murthy presents Channel 4 News and Unreported World, the foreign affairs documentary series. Before that he worked for the BBC on news, entertainment, youth and children's programming. He has spent thirty years reporting and presenting from around Britain and the world.

Krishnan is also patron of the charity Duchenne UK, which raises money for medical research. He lives in Kew with his wife Lisa and their two children.

## **Notes**

Trustees do not receive any direct remuneration for their services, although reasonable travel and subsistence expenses can be reimbursed.

There is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if significant) to be declared. Krishnan has declared that he has not taken part in any significant political activity in the past five years.

## **About Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew**

The [Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew](#) is a world-famous scientific organisation, internationally respected for its outstanding collections as well as for its scientific expertise in plant and fungal diversity, conservation and sustainable development in the UK and around the world.

Kew Gardens is a major international and a top London visitor attraction. Kew Gardens' 132 hectares of landscaped gardens, and Wakehurst, its wild botanic garden in Sussex, attract over 2.5 million visits every year. Kew Gardens was made a UNESCO World Heritage site in July 2003 and celebrated its 260th anniversary in 2019. Wakehurst is home to Kew's Millennium Seed Bank, the largest wild plant seed bank in the world, as well as over 500 acres of designed landscapes, wild woodlands, ornamental gardens and a nature reserve.

The Kew Madagascar Conservation Centre is Kew's third research centre and only overseas office. RBG Kew receives approximately one third of its funding from Government through the Department for the Environment, Food and Rural

Affairs (Defra) and research councils. Further funding needed to support RBG Kew's vital work comes from donors, membership and commercial activity including ticket sales.