

News story: Natural History Museum Reappointment

Sir Stephen is Professor of Geology in the School of Earth Sciences at Bristol University and his research has been highly influential in the field of volcanology and petrology. He became a fellow of the Royal Society in 1988, was awarded a CBE in 2012 for services to environmental sciences and became a Knight Bachelor in 2018 for services to geology. His research has been recognised by several awards including the 2015 Vetlesen Prize and the 2018 Royal Medal. He has served as President of the Geological Society of London (1994-1996) and the International Association of Volcanology (1999-2003).

This appointment has been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#). The appointments process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. Under the Code, any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years must be declared. This is defined as including holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation, or candidature for election. Sir Stephen had declared no such activity.