

## News story: Sherry Coutu CBE appointed as Non-Executive Board Member to DCMS

The [appointment](#) was made, with the agreement of the Prime Minister.

Sherry Coutu has a deep understanding of the digital sector having been a serial entrepreneur, investor and non exec director of companies, charities and universities for 25 years. She chairs Founders4Schools, Workfinder, The Scaleup Institute and Raspberry Pi Trading Ltd.

Sherry also serves as a non-executive member of The Royal Society, (Science, Industry & Committee), Cambridge University (Finance Board) and the London Stock Exchange plc. She has invested in more than 60 companies as an angel investor, including LinkedIn, Zoopla, Lovefilm, New Energy Finance, as well as five venture capital firms.

Digital Secretary Jeremy Wright said:

I'm delighted to welcome Sherry as a Non-Executive Board Member to the DCMS Departmental Board. Sherry brings a wealth of experience that will be incredibly valuable to DCMS, particularly in our ambition to bring the worlds of digital innovation and creativity together to help drive our future economy.

Sherry Coutu said:

I am thrilled to have been asked to contribute to the work of DCMS. The digital and creative industries are significant growth enablers for the competitive advantage of the UK at this important time in our history.

I hope to bring the experience gained from my work in academia, the tech industry and the third sector to encourage our young people to develop the skills and experiences that allow them to take on the jobs of the future, and support the work being done by the DCMS in this area.

As a philanthropist, she supports the Prince's Trust, the Crick Institute and Founders4Schools.

Sherry has an MBA from Harvard, an MSc (with distinction) from the London School of Economics and a BA (Hons with distinction) from the University of British Columbia, Canada.

She was appointed Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) for

services to entrepreneurship in the 2013 New Year's Honours List and she has been awarded honorary PhDs from The University of Bristol, Manchester University and the Open University for her work in education and economy.