

Professor Julian Dowdeswell reappointed to Royal Museums Greenwich Board

News story

The Prime Minister has reappointed Professor Julian Dowdeswell a Trustee of Royal Museums Greenwich for a second term of four years.



Professor Julian Dowdeswell has been reappointed as a Royal Museums Greenwich Trustee, for a four-year term commencing 3 September 2022 until 2 September 2026.

Julian has been Professor of Physical Geography in Cambridge University since 2002. He has just retired from almost 20 years as Director of the Scott Polar Research Institute. He is a glaciologist, studying the form and flow of glaciers and ice caps and their response to climate change, and the links between former ice sheets and the marine geological record. Julian has worked, on the ice and from aircraft, in Antarctica and many parts of the Arctic. He has also undertaken many periods of work on icebreaking research vessels in the Southern Ocean and the Arctic.

Julian has represented the UK on the councils of both the Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research (SCAR) and the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and is a past chair of the UK National Committee on Antarctic Research.

Julian was awarded the Polar Medal by Her Majesty the Queen and has also received the Founder's Gold Medal from the Royal Geographical Society and the Lyell Medal of the Geological Society of London. He has recently co-written a popular science book, "The Continent of Antarctica".

Remuneration and Governance Code

Trustees of Royal Museums Greenwich are not remunerated. This reappointment 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. Professor Julian Dowdeswell has not declared any significant political activity.

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