

[EHRC reappointing Helen Mahy and Alasdair Henderson for a second term](#)

News story

The Minister for Women and Equalities has confirmed the reappointment of Helen Mahy and Alasdair Henderson as Equality and Human Rights Commission commissioners for another four year term.



The two commissioners will continue to bring their skills and experience to the roles, it was announced today Friday 6 May.

Alasdair Henderson is a barrister at 1 Crown Office Row, specialising in public law, human rights, employment law and equality law. He previously worked in Rwanda for International Justice Mission, investigating cases of land rights violations.

Helen Mahy was, until she retired in 2013, Group Company Secretary and General Counsel of National Grid plc for 10 years. At National Grid she was also executive sponsor of inclusion and diversity, about which she is passionate.

Both Henderson and Mahy have served as Commissioners since 2018.

The Board of Commissioners is the highest level decision-making body in the organisation, responsible for the strategic oversight of the EHRC.

The EHRC is Great Britain's designated equality body and 'A-rated' national human rights institution. These new appointments will assist the EHRC to fulfil its role as the country's expert body on equality and human rights issues.

These appointments are made in accordance with the Cabinet Office Code of Governance for Public Appointments. The regulation of public appointments against the requirements of this Code is carried out by the Commissioner for Public Appointments.

[Julian Glover OBE and Taryn Nixon appointed as Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund and The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

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The Prime Minister has appointed Julian Glover OBE and Taryn Nixon as Trustees of the National Heritage Memorial Fund and The National Lottery Heritage Fund, for terms of three years commencing 01 May 2022 until 30 April 2025.



Julian Glover OBE

Julian Glover OBE is an author and journalist with extensive experience of working with the government. He led the Landscapes Review for Defra, into better ways of running England's protected areas, and has been a special advisor in both Number 10 and the Department for Transport. He has been Associate Editor of the London Evening Standard and a columnist and reporter for the Guardian. He advises a range of organisations, especially on transport and sustainability. He is the author of *Man of Iron: Thomas Telford and the Building of Britain*, a biography of one of the country's greatest engineers. He lives in Derbyshire.

Taryn Nixon

Taryn Nixon is an archaeologist with a background of leadership in the historic environment sector. From 1997 to 2016, she was the Chief Executive of MOLA (Museum of London Archaeology), an educational charity, SME and Independent Research Organisation (IRO) delivering commercial services and

public benefit in the context of planning, construction and development. She was a Board Trustee of MOLA from 2017-19. She is currently an independent heritage management adviser and consultant, helping organisations working with heritage as a force for good.

Taryn is a Trustee of National Trails UK, championing the long distance routes that are part of the protected landscapes family and administered by Natural England and Natural Resources Wales. She is an Honorary Lecturer at University College London's Institute for Archaeology, a former Chair of the professional body, the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists, and has served on committees for organisations such as Historic England and the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment. She has published widely about the power of cultural and natural heritage to connect people and place and about putting people and sense of place at the heart of sustainable development, regeneration, restoration and recovery.

Julian Glover will chair the National Lottery Heritage Fund's Midlands and East regional committee and Taryn Nixon will chair the regional committee for London and the South.

These roles are remunerated at £13,500 per annum. These appointments have 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. Julian Glover declared having canvassed for independent candidates in the 2019 election. Taryn Nixon declared no political activity.

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[Condemning Russia's continued aggression towards Ukrainian civilians – UK Statement at the UN Security Council](#)

Thank you Madam President. And before I start, may I thank you and others for your kind words towards me and my team, and wish you a successful Presidency.

On this subject, I would like to start by thanking the briefers for their statements, and I welcome the Secretary-General's participation in this meeting.

On 4 April, the Russian Permanent Representative told the UN press corps that what was happening in Ukraine was “warfare” and that in “warfare, you cannot exclude that civilians are dying”.

The truth is, that it’s not just that civilians are dying in Russia’s illegal war of aggression, but that Russia is deliberately waging a war designed to terrorise and kill Ukrainian people.

Civilians have been executed and dismembered in Bucha and Irpin. No distinction has been drawn between military targets, hospitals, schools, or the Mariupol theatre – outside which “children” was clearly written, and where the latest reporting suggests that as many as 600 people were killed.

Russia’s actions are clear violations of international humanitarian law, including, but not limited to, resolutions 2286, 2417, and 2573.

Madam President, I’d like to make three points on the issue of protection of civilians in Ukraine:

The first, and clearest solution to end the suffering of civilians, is for Russia to end its illegal war and withdraw its troops from Ukraine. Unless it does so, civilians will continue to die. And, many millions more will be put at risk across the globe due to food and energy shortages, resulting from the invasion.

This is what the Secretary-General referred to as the limitless potential for global harm.

Second, while the invasion continues, international humanitarian law must be strictly observed, and full humanitarian access to civilians facilitated. We commend the Secretary-General and his team for the efforts that led to the evacuation to safety of about 500 civilians from the Azovstal works. But, it should be a matter of profound concern for this Council that humanitarian supplies were not allowed into the city, and that the shelling of the steelworks restarted immediately.

Third, we are deeply concerned that Russia’s war is accompanied by a propaganda campaign, including in this Council, designed to dehumanise and demonise Ukrainians by labelling them as neo-Nazis.

This hate speech is extremely dangerous. And, as we near the anniversary of the end of WWII, it disrespects the sacrifices of those Russians, Ukrainians and many other nationalities, who fought to end Nazism.

Finally Madam President, I want to assure you that the UK continues its help and support to Ukraine. And today we announced a further £45 million for humanitarian and UN organisations to support the vulnerable and provide medical equipment.

I thank you, Madam President.

PM address at the Brave Ukraine fundraising event: 5 May 2022

Thank you very much, what an honour to speak after my friend Volodymyr Zelenskyy, truly one of the most incredible leaders of modern times.

What a blessing for Ukraine and for the world, and what a disaster for Putin that he should now be leading Ukraine in Kyiv.

It is almost exactly 80 years ago, 1942, that the BBC first broadcast Shostakovich's Leningrad symphony to the world. This was played by a half-starving orchestra during the siege of Leningrad, while it was being pounded by the Nazis, and that symphony became a symbol of resistance to fascism, and the power of the human spirit.

I do not know whether Vladimir Putin is a Shostakovich buff or not, but is it not a tragic irony that a Russian leader, himself from Leningrad, should now be laying waste to cities in Ukraine as Volodymyr has just described.

Starving civilians, bombarding their homes, driving them underground, forcing families to huddle together in cellars, or as we have seen, in that giant steel plant in Mariupol.

But no matter what Putin tries to do to Ukraine's people, what the exhibition that we are opening tonight shows, is that he will never break their spirit. He will never overcome those indomitable armed forces, who have already repelled the Russian army from the gates of Kyiv, and therefore achieved the greatest feat of arms of the 21st century.

That is why I'm more certain than ever that Ukraine will win. Ukraine will be free, and a sovereign Ukraine will rise again.

And it's because this struggle is so clear cut, and without any moral ambiguity that I can see, a struggle between freedom and oppression, between democracy and tyranny, independence and imperialism, light and darkness, good and evil, that is why I think it speaks so deeply to us.

That is why here in the UK, you can see blue and yellow flags flying everywhere, from town halls and church spires and front gardens and children's playgrounds, and we in the United Kingdom, of every political party, all backgrounds, we are proud to be friends of Ukraine.

When Russian troops were massing on the frontiers of Ukraine in January, we were among the first European countries to send anti-tank missiles. I want you to know, and I told Volodymyr this earlier on today in our conversation, we will continue to intensify this effort for as long as Ukraine wants and needs our help.

And it is precisely because the Ukrainian people refused to surrender and precisely because they resisted so heroically that their suffering today is so severe.

Putin has driven at least one Ukrainian in every four from their homes, including two thirds of all Ukrainian children.

And just as we must help Ukraine to defend herself against aggression, so we must also do everything we can ease the terrible burden of suffering imposed on an innocent people.

Let me conclude by saying: take part in today's charity auction. Whether you are bidding for Volodymyr's fleece – a snip at £50,000, I want much higher bids than that, or you are bidding for a tour of Kyiv with Mayor Klitschko, I have had a tour of Kyiv with Mayor Klitschko, it's a beautiful city. Well worth it, dig deep.

Support Ukraine tonight my friends so that that great ancient European capital Kyiv can never be threatened again, and that Ukraine can be whole and free once more.

[PM call with Prime Minister of Jamaica: 5 May 2022](#)

Press release

Prime Minister Boris Johnson spoke to the Prime Minister of Jamaica to discuss our shared priorities on trade, security and sustainable development.



The Prime Minister spoke to Andrew Holness, Prime Minister of Jamaica, this evening to discuss our shared priorities on trade, security and sustainable development.

They were united in condemnation of Russia's belligerent invasion of Ukraine

and on the importance of defending sovereignty and democratic values.

The Prime Minister highlighted that British International Investment is expanding in Caribbean, and the leaders agreed to explore greater cooperation on green and sustainable infrastructure projects.

The leaders also welcomed the successful UK-Jamaica security partnership and committed to further strengthen our joint work on tackling organised and violent crime.

They looked forward to meeting in person at the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in June to drive forward collective action, as the world recovers from COVID-19 and deals with the fallout of the conflict in Ukraine.

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