

The Prime Minister has reappointed Dame Elizabeth Corley, Clarissa Farr and Paul Ruddock as Trustees of the British Museum

News story

Dame Elizabeth Corley, Clarissa Farr and Paul Ruddock have been reappointed by the Prime Minister as Trustees of the British Museum for a four year period from 2 October 2020 to 1 October 2024.



Dame Elizabeth Corley has extensive experience in the financial services industry, having been CEO of Allianz Global Investors, initially for Europe then globally, from 2005 to 2016. She continued to act as an advisor to the company until the end of 2019. Previously she was at Merrill Lynch Investment Managers and Coopers & Lybrand. Elizabeth is a Non-Executive Director of BAE Systems plc, Pearson plc and Morgan Stanley Inc. She is Chair of the Impact Investing Institute; a Director of the Green Finance Institute and serves on the investment committee of the Leverhulme Trust. Elizabeth is a member of the CFA Future of Finance Advisory Council, AQR Asset Management Institute, the Committee of 200 and the 300 Club. As well as being a trustee of the British Museum, Elizabeth is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and is also a published author of crime thrillers. She was appointed Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours in 2019 for her services to the economy and financial services.

Clarissa Farr brings to the Museum her experience in education and leadership. She is the author of *The Making of Us: Why School Matters* and is a regular speaker and writer. From 2006-2017 she was High Mistress of St Paul's Girls' school and has since worked as a senior adviser and director of education in international schools. An advocate for the arts, she was a governor of The Royal Ballet School, chairing the Artistic and Academic Committee, until 2020. She is currently a governor of the African Science Academy, which provides a fast track to higher education for gifted African girl scientists, and a Fellow of Winchester College. Clarissa works with

educational search specialists RSAcademics on the appointment of new heads and as a qualified coach, with a variety of leaders and leadership teams.

Sir Paul Ruddock graduated from Oxford University before going into finance, and working at Goldman Sachs and Schroder and Co before founding Lansdowne Partners in 1998, from which he retired as CEO in 2013. Paul has served as Trustee and Chair of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Chair of the Gilbert Trust for the Arts and a Commissioner at the National Infrastructure Commission. In addition to being a Trustee of the British Museum, he is also Chair of the Oxford University Endowment Management and Oxford University Investment Committee, and a Trustee with the Metropolitan Museum New York. Sir Paul has been awarded the Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, the Montblanc de la Culture Award for Cultural Patronage, and was knighted in the New Year's Honours 2012 for services to Arts and Culture.

These roles are not remunerated. These reappointments have been made in accordance with the [Cabinet Office's Governance Code on Public Appointments](#), the process is regulated by the Commissioner for Public Appointments. The Government's Governance Code requires that any significant political activity undertaken by an appointee in the last five years is declared. This is defined as holding office, public speaking, making a recordable donation or candidature for election. Sir Paul Ruddock declared that he has made a recordable donation to the Conservative and Unionist Party. Dame Elizabeth Corley and Clarissa Farr have not declared any activity.

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