

# Lady Dalmeny appointed as Chair of the Museum of the Home

News story

The Secretary of State has appointed Lady Dalmeny for a four year term commencing 01 October 2022.



## **Caroline, Lady Dalmeny FRSA FRGS**

Caroline Dalmeny owns and runs a growing property business in London and Scotland. She holds a number of voluntary and leadership roles including as a Senior Associate of the Royal Society of Medicine and as a Fellow of the Royal Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce and the Royal Geographical Society. She was a Trustee of the War Memorials Trust until 2019 and of Abbotsford until 2020.

Educated at John F Kennedy Comprehensive School and University College London, she is interested in exploring subjects such as the relationship of homes and health, micro greening and the history of homes and hobbies. She lives with her partner and family in Clerkenwell. Caroline has strong links with communities outside London, living partly in the Scottish borders. She was brought up in Hemel Hempstead in the planned environment of one of the first new towns.

## **Remuneration and Governance Code**

The Chair of the Museum of the Home does not receive remuneration. 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. Lady Dalmeny has declared no such activity.

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## [Continuity grant for social workers in schools and designated safeguarding lead supervision](#)

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### 1. 2 September 2022

Grant determination letters have been added in place of the application guide and expression of interest form. The on-page text has been updated to explain this.

### 2. 31 May 2022

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## [Independent expert panel appointed for Future of Compute Review](#)

Four experts have been appointed to support an external review of the UK's advanced computing capabilities, as part of plans to turn the country into a science and technology superpower.

The Future of Compute Review, [launched](#) during London Tech Week, is being led by the Professor of Information Engineering at the University of Cambridge, Professor Zoubin Ghahramani, who is a world-leading expert in the field of machine learning.

The four experts, who combine a range of expertise from research, business and finance, will form a panel to support Professor Ghahramani and explore what is needed to ensure the UK has the computing capacity needed to remain at the forefront of innovation.

The panel will oversee the evidence submitted to support the review's findings, which will inform the government's approach in this important area.

The panellists are:

- Professor Anne Trefethen, FEng, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of Scientific Computing, University of Oxford
- Dr Graham Spittle CBE, Dean of Innovation at Edinburgh University
- Shaheen Sayed, Senior Managing Director, Accenture UK and Ireland
- Sue Daley, Director of Technology and Innovation, TechUK

## **Biographies**

### **Professor Anne Trefethen FEng, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Professor of Scientific Computing, University of Oxford.**

Anne Trefethen is a pro-vice-chancellor, professor of scientific computing and fellow of St Cross College at the University of Oxford. Anne joined the university in 2005 to lead the development of the Oxford e-Research Centre where she served as the director for over six years. Her research has been focused on high-performance numerical algorithms and large-scale scientific applications. She has contributed to the fields of parallel numerical algorithms, software design and engineering and most recently to energy-aware algorithms. In 2001 she became the deputy director of the UK e-Science Core Programme working with the research councils and DTI (now Innovate UK). She has spent ten years in the US at Thinking Machines Inc. and as associate director at the Theory Centre, Cornell University.

### **Dr Graham Spittle, CBE, Dean of Innovation at Edinburgh University**

Dr Graham Spittle, CBE, was appointed chair of Health Data Research UK in 2017 having taken on the role of interim chair in July 2016. He was, until recently, IBM's Chief Technology Officer, Europe and Vice President, Software Group. Previously he held several senior executive positions within IBM: Vice President, Software UKI (UK & Ireland); Vice President, Worldwide Integration Development; Director of the IBM Hursley Laboratory in the United Kingdom, and Director of MQ Development. In June 2008 Dr Spittle was appointed as a Commander of the British Empire (CBE) for his services to industry.

### **Shaheen Sayed, Senior Managing Director, Technology Lead, Accenture UK and Ireland**

Shaheen is the Head of Technology for Accenture UK and Ireland, with 20 years of experience, specialising in leading complex technology and business transformations and pioneering new market technologies. Shaheen has held global technology leadership roles driving cutting edge technology solutions across a diverse range of industries including capital markets, environment and rural affairs, telecommunication and healthcare.

Shaheen is a regular guest lecturer on the LSE global masters in management programme and is recognised as an industry thought leader on inclusive business cultures and talent. She was most recently voted 'Women of the Year' at the Women in IT Awards, was named as one of the Top 10 most influential black and minority ethnic leaders by the Financial Times and featured in the Cranfield School of Management's list of 'Women to Watch'.

## **Sue Daley, Director of Technology and Innovation, TechUK**

Sue leads techUK's technology and innovation work including work on cloud, data protection, data analytics, artificial intelligence (AI), digital ethics, digital identity and internet of things as well as emerging and transformative technologies and innovation policy. She has been recognised as one of the most influential people in UK tech by Computer Weekly's UKtech50 Longlist and in 2021 was inducted into the Computer Weekly Most Influential Women in UK Tech Hall of Fame. A key influencer in driving forward the data agenda in the UK, Sue is co-chair of the UK government's National Data Strategy Forum. As well as being recognised in the UK's Big Data 100 and the Global Top 100 Data Visionaries for 2020, Sue has also been shortlisted for the Milton Keynes Women Leaders Awards and was a judge for the Loebner Prize in AI.

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# **Government announces intervention into Thurrock Council**

Press release

Local Government Secretary Greg Clark has introduced new intervention measures in Thurrock Council to ensure delivery of key essential services.



- Essex County Council to take control of financial functions at neighbouring Thurrock
- Appointment made in response to concerns about level of financial risk and debt at the council
- Best Value Inspection ordered for Thurrock Council

Local Government Secretary Greg Clark has today (2 September 2022) announced measures to [intervene in Thurrock Council](#) to address serious concerns about the financial management of the council and the risk this poses to local services.

Essex County Council has been appointed in the role of the Commissioner and Best Value Inspector, giving them full control of the financial functions of Thurrock Council and powers to assess whether there are failures in other functions to mitigate any further risk to services.

Thurrock Council will work with Essex County Council to prepare an Improvement Plan within the first 3 months of the intervention and is expected to provide a Best Value Inspection Report to the Secretary of State in the same timeframe.

The move comes in response to grave concerns about the exceptional level of financial risk and debt incurred by the council.

**Local Government Secretary Greg Clark said:**

Given the serious financial situation at Thurrock Council and its potential impact on local services, I believe it is necessary for government to intervene.

I strongly believe that when a council gets into difficulties its local government neighbours should be the preferred source of help in turning it around.

I know that Essex County Council possesses the expertise and ability to help its local government neighbour. Working together, I believe the councils can deliver the improvements local people expect and deserve.

In its role as Commissioner, Essex County Council will take control of all the functions associated with the financial governance and scrutiny of strategic financial decision making by the authority.

The Best Value Inspection will look into the governance, audit (internal and external), risk management, overview and scrutiny functions of the council, and consider their impact on service delivery.

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## [Wrexham becomes Wales's seventh city](#)

Wrexham became a city on Thursday 1 September after winning the prestigious status through a competition which was part of Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The honour was granted earlier this year and the official 'Letter Patent' confirms city status from 1 September 2022.

Wrexham now becomes the seventh city in Wales joining Cardiff, Swansea, Newport, Bangor, St Davids and St Asaph. The competition to receive civic honours was last run 10 years ago to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, when St Asaph was honoured with city status.

Secretary of State for Wales, Sir Robert Buckland said:

Congratulations to Wrexham on achieving city status. The city and surrounding area already has so much to offer – it's home to the famous Wrexham Lager Brewery, the Unesco World Heritage Pontcysyllte Aqueduct and a fantastic football club which is Wales's oldest and one of the oldest in the world.

There is already much for Wrexham to be proud of and its future is equally exciting. I hope that the city of Wrexham continues to prosper and grow.

Councillor Mark Pritchard, Leader of Wrexham Council, said:

We have so much to celebrate in Wrexham. We have an amazing World Heritage Site, and incredible football club with incredible owners, and a rich and diverse arts and culture scene. We have strong links with our armed forces, world-class businesses and friends all over the world.

But our greatest asset is our communities, and it's the amazing passion, character and creativity of the people who live here that make Wrexham what it is.

City status is a wonderful achievement and reflects the growing confidence and ambition we have in Wrexham. I'd like to thank everybody who supported the ambitious city status bid, from MPs and MSs, to elected councillors, and all the businesses within Wrexham and beyond.

I'd also like to thank Her Majesty the Queen for granting Wrexham city status. We've received congratulations from supporters and friends all over the world, and this is a truly historic day.

Wrexham Council is planning a month of weekend events throughout September to celebrate Wrexham:

### **Saturday 3 September**

- Reaffirmation of the Freedom of the Borough to the Royal Welsh – starts at Llwyn Isaf at 11am.

## **Saturday 10 September**

- Invited guest service at St Giles Church to celebrate city status at 12pm.
- Wrexham AFC vs Maidenhead Utd FC at The Racecourse stadium at 3pm.
- Live music from The Royston Club plus guests on Llwyn Isaf from 6pm.

## **Saturday 17 September**

- Wrexham City Fun Day – activities throughout the city centre for all the family.

## Saturday 24 September

- Wrexham Feast food festival at Waterworld car park from 10am (also Sunday, September 25)
- Wrexham AFC v Torquay United at the Racecourse at 3pm.

The Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition required applicants to demonstrate how their unique communities and distinct local identity meant they deserved to be awarded city status. They were also required to highlight their royal associations and cultural heritage.

Winning city status can provide a boost to local communities and open up new opportunities for people who live there, as is the case with previous winners, Perth and Preston, where residents have described how their success contributed to increased national and global standing, putting them on the international map as a place to do business.

Perth, which was granted city status in 2012 as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, has seen the local economy expand by 12% in the decade it was granted city status.