

Baroness Laura Wyld appointed as Non-Executive Board Member to DCMS.

News story

Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, Oliver Dowden CBE MP has appointed Baroness Laura Wyld as a Non-Executive Board Member for a term of three years.



Laura Wyld's career has spanned business, public life and the voluntary sector.

Her private sector work has included advising some of the UK's most high-profile business leaders on communications, strategy and diversity and inclusion. She has also served as a Council Member at the Institute of Directors.

From 2013 until 2016 she was Head of Appointments for the Prime Minister, which included helping to drive the Government's diversity plan. She is currently a Non-Executive board member at Ofsted, a Trustee of The Urology Foundation and a member of the House of Lords Public Services Select Committee.

Her policy and campaigning interests include young people's mental health, tackling gambling addiction, and the role of heritage and the arts in driving regeneration. She was a Member of the Regenerating Seaside Towns select committee and has also recently been involved in helping to establish a charity focused on tackling gambling-related harm.

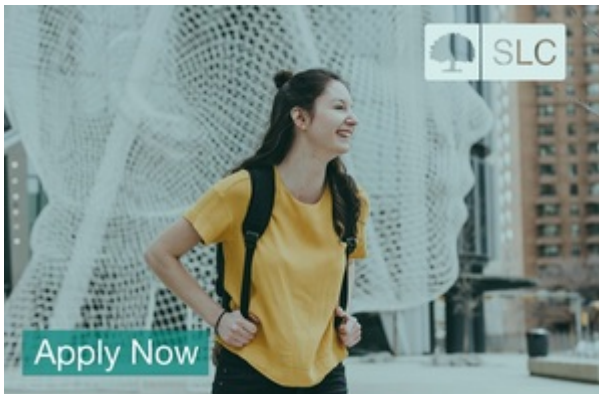
Laura was born and brought up in Newcastle-upon-Tyne and remains strongly connected to the North East. Baroness Wyld will sit on the Departmental Board.

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Part time students in Wales can apply now for student finance

Press release

SLC has launched its student finance application service for part time students in Wales.



Eligible part time students can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan as well as a Maintenance Loan to help with their living costs. They can also get a Welsh Government Learning Grant (WGLG) which doesn't need to be paid back.

Derek Ross, SLC Executive Director of Operations said: "We are delighted to announce that part-time students in Wales can apply for their student funding. The easiest way to apply is [online](#) and as always, the message is to apply now to ensure funding is in place before the start of term. You can apply even if you don't have a confirmed place at university."

Five facts about Part time Student Finance

1. You can apply for a Tuition Fee Loan to pay for tuition fees and a Maintenance Loan to help with living costs. You can also get a WGLG which you don't have to pay back
2. Your student finance entitlement is based on your study intensity – not your household income. Your household income will only be used to work out how much Maintenance Loan and how much WGLG make up your entitlement
3. You need to reapply for funding for each year of your course
4. You start repaying your loan the April after you finish or leave your course or the April four years after the start of your course (even if you are still studying), whichever comes first You repay 9% of what you earn over the repayment threshold which is currently £26,575 per annum.
5. Extra help is available if you have a disability or have children or adults who are financially dependent on you.

For more information watch our [short film](#) and follow Student Finance Wales on

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[100 places move a step closer to multi-million pound Towns Fund investment](#)

The 100 places selected for the government's £3.6 billion Towns Fund will now be able to draw up their proposals for a multi-million pound investment, the Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government Simon Clarke MP has announced today (15 June 2020).

The government has today published [further Towns Fund guidance](#) which sets out the key information local leaders need to prepare for a Town Deal and develop proposals in the form of a Town Investment Plan.

It comes on the day that non-essential retail begins to reopen in our towns as they look to recover from the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Through the guidance, communities, businesses and local leaders will now be able to work together and draw up ambitious plans to transform their town's economic growth prospects with a focus on improved transport, broadband connectivity, skills and culture.

Simon Clarke MP, Minister for Regional Growth and Local Government said:

Ensuring that every part of this country has the opportunity to grow and prosper is at the heart of the mission of this Government, and our Towns Fund is an essential part of making sure that our communities have the level of investment they need to drive jobs and economic growth.

Investment in our towns is needed more than ever as we move to the next stage of the economic recovery from Covid-19, and the Fund will play an important part in the kick-starting of our economic recovery and levelling up our regions.

With this new guidance, communities, businesses and local leaders will now be able to work together to draw up their ambitious plans bring investment and growth to their local area.

The 100 selected places will now have 4 weeks to decide whether or not to

submit a Towns Investment Plan by 31 July 2020 or, in a later cohort, by either October 2020 or early 2021.

All 100 places will be supported throughout the development of their Town Investment Plans by the Towns Hub, which consists of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and the Towns Fund Delivery Partnership led by Arup.

On 27 July 2019 the Prime Minister announced that the £3.6 billion Towns Fund would support an initial 100 town deals across England. See further details of the [announcement](#).

A Town Deal is an agreement in principle between government, the Lead Council and the Town Deal Board. It will set out a vision and strategy for the town, and what each party agrees to do to achieve this vision

See the [100 places being supported to develop Town Deals](#).

[Command facility construction set to restart](#)

The first 17 workers returned to the construction site for our Main Site Command Facility today (Monday, 15 June) to support an agreed task to power up some key computer systems.

The construction site has been set up to support this task and the arrangements now in place will support the restart of the full project.

This construction site will be the fifth to reintroduce working on the Sellafield site since lockdown in March.

We have been slowly and carefully bringing our major projects construction sites back online one at a time over the past 2 months. Each project restarted so far has been chosen due to its critical role in progressing the Sellafield mission.

Our Main Site Command Facility will be the new control centre for our security and emergency response teams, using state-of-the-art technology provided by our Security Systems Architecture Upgrade Project.

Once operational, the command centre within the facility will provide us with a significantly improved capability to react and manage security and emergency events – critically important as we shift our focus from reprocessing to site clean-up.

As with all our construction restarts, those coming back onto the site today came into a very different place to the one they left in March.

Project manager Andrew Jarratt said:

Our construction offices have changed to support Covid-19 working arrangements with walkways and signage installed. The canteen facilities have been set out to maintain 2 metre distance, and we have added auto release door stops to minimise requirements to open doors.

On the site one-way systems have been installed to permit offices and through to the building. The permit office has been provided with screens and there are wash stations as you enter and exit the construction site. In the offices, we've identified which desks can be used and meeting rooms reworked to provide separation, with maximum capacities noted.

Those on-site this week will be setting up the site for work and the careful powering up of computer systems, which have been off throughout lockdown.

[Media advisory notice – PC Andrew Harper](#)



Royal Courts of Justice

The trial of Albert Bowers, Jessie Cole, and Henry Long, for the murder of PC Andrew Harper is due to start later this month (June). The jury was originally empanelled on 10 March this year, but the trial was suspended due to the Coronavirus outbreak. The trial is due to last approximately 6 weeks.

The Solicitor General Rt. Hon Michael Ellis QC MP wishes to draw attention to the requirement not to publish material, including online, which could create a substantial risk that the course of justice in these proceedings could be seriously impeded or prejudiced. Publishing this information could amount to contempt of court. It could also put the trial at risk and jeopardise the

defendants' right to a fair trial.

In particular, the Solicitor General draws attention to the requirement not to publish material that asserts or assumes the guilt of any of those who face trial. That is an issue to be determined by the jury on the evidence that they hear in court.

The risks may also arise by inaccurate reporting or reporting that prejudices issues about which the witnesses may give evidence during the trial.

Editors, publishers and social media users should take legal advice to ensure they are in a position to fully comply with the obligations to which they are subject under the terms of the Contempt of Court Act 1981.

The Attorney General's Office will be monitoring the coverage of these proceedings.

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