

## News story: Theatres Trust reappointment

Tim Eyles is Managing Partner UK and International Board member of leading international law firm Taylor Wessing, Chair of The Jerwood Charitable Foundation, one of the UK's leading arts charities, and a Director of the Jerwood Space.

Taylor Wessing has strong cultural connections with the arts which include a relationship with the National Portrait Gallery and a 10 year sponsorship of the NPG's Taylor Wessing Photographic Portrait Prize.

In his early career Tim Eyles was a lawyer, then partner, with the law firm Goodman Derrick, where the senior partner was Lord Goodman CH the founding Chairman of The Theatres Trust.

The role is not remunerated. 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. Tim has declared no such political activity.

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## News story: Horniman Museum reappointment

Eve Salomon is an executive trainer and Chair of Privacy International. She is a former Press Complaints Commissioner, Gambling Commissioner and chair of the Internet Watch Foundation and the Regulatory Board of RICS.

A solicitor by background, she is an international legal expert for the Council of Europe and the author of the UNESCO Guidelines for Broadcasting Regulation. Eve has advised governments, regulatory authorities and international organisations (UNESCO, European Commission, World Bank, Council of Europe) on human rights and media-related issues in dozens of different countries. She has been associated with Ovalhouse, a theatre and youth arts centre in South London, as a Trustee and Member for 30 years and is a trustee of the FIFTH Trust, which teaches life skills to learning disabled adults in East Kent.

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## **News story: Historic Royal Palaces reappointments**

Jane Kennedy is an architect with 35 years' experience in the care and development of historic buildings and has played a key role in securing the future of some of the finest historic buildings in the country.

Professor Sir David Cannadine is a distinguished academic with an international reputation, having written pioneering and influential works of history on many subjects, including on the British monarchy.

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## **News story: Health charge for temporary migrants will increase to £400 a year**

The government plans double the immigration health surcharge paid by temporary migrants to the UK.

The surcharge will rise from £200 to £400 per year. The discounted rate for students and those on the Youth Mobility Scheme will increase from £150 to £300.

The annual charge is paid by people from outside the European Economic Area (EEA) who are seeking to live in the UK for 6 months or more to work, study

or join family.

The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) estimates that the NHS spends £470 on average per person per year on treating surcharge payers. Projections suggest that the increased charges may provide around £220m extra every year, with this money going to NHS services.

Health Minister James O'Shaughnessy said:

Our NHS is always there when you need it, paid for by British taxpayers. We welcome long-term migrants using the NHS, but it is only right that they make a fair contribution to its long-term sustainability.

By increasing the surcharge so that it better reflects the actual costs of using health services, this government is providing an extra £220 million a year to support the NHS.

Immigration Minister Caroline Nokes said:

It is only right that people who come to the UK should contribute to the running of the NHS. The surcharge offers access to health care services that are far more comprehensive and at a much lower cost than many other countries.

The income generated goes directly to NHS services, helping to protect and sustain our world-class healthcare system for everyone who uses it.

The government plans to make the changes later this year in order to better reflect the actual costs to the NHS of treating those who pay the surcharge.

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## **Press release: Science Minister promotes joint working in science, research and innovation with EU Ministers**

- Science Minister Sam Gyimah attended the Research Day of the Competitiveness Council to exchange views on research and innovation developments
- The UK is a world leader in research and innovation, and sharing this

knowledge and expertise internationally is vital to address global challenges

The importance of international collaboration was reinforced on Friday 2 February by Science Minister Sam Gyimah at the Research Day of the EU Competitiveness Council in Bulgaria, where he outlined his desire to see the principles of excellence, competitiveness and openness to the world to remain the guiding principles of European science and innovation, and for the UK to play a leading role in shaping these principles, both now and in the future.

He further stressed these messages in bilateral meetings with his counterparts from other member states while discussing the concerns of British and European researchers. The Minister reiterated the government's desire for an ambitious science and innovation agreement with the EU, and the UK's commitment to guarantee competitive EU funds bid for while the UK is a member of the EU.

The informal Council provides a forum for European Research Ministers to discuss EU policy on research and innovation, and this time around the Council had a particular focus on boosting innovation and investing in people. During the meeting, the Minister highlighted how the UK's ambitious [Industrial Strategy](#) has science and research at its heart, as well as outlining the contribution that British knowledge and expertise is making to the UK helping tackle global challenges and the UK's commitment to developing the technologies of the future.

Following the Council, Science Minister Sam Gyimah said:

The Competitiveness Council provided a fantastic opportunity to discuss the importance of working together for the advancement of research and innovation, ensuring UK researchers can continue collaborating on European programmes.

The UK has world-leading academic institutions and an internationally recognised science and innovation base, with some of the best minds from across world coming to research here.

Through the government's ambitious vision for an Industrial Strategy we are committed to ensuring the UK remains a 'go to' destination for research and innovation for years to come.

That's why it's in all our interests to pursue a deep and special partnership with the EU recognising our shared interest in maintaining and strengthening research collaboration and driving innovation.