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**MEMBERS REAPPOINTED TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUMS SCOTLAND BOARD**

The Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Fair Work and Culture, Ms Hyslop, today announced the reappointments of Ann Allen, Professor Mary Bownes, Adam Bruce and Janet Stevenson as Members of the National Museums Scotland Board.

**MEMBERS**

**Ann Allen** is the CEO of the Chartered Institute of Civil Engineering Surveyors (CICES). Her professional background is in property and construction and before joining CICES led the Estates Directorate at Glasgow University. She is a strong advocate for diversity in construction and property and chairs the Scottish Board for Women in Property. She is a Board Member of the Scottish Futures Trust and the Water Industry Commission for Scotland.

**Professor Mary Bownes** is emerita Professor of Developmental Biology at the University of Edinburgh, where she led a research team with many international collaborations. She became Head of Cell and Molecular Biology and later became Senior Vice Principal. Her expertise is in collaboration with other organisations, sharing best practice across the sector. She was a member of various UK and international funding bodies relating to postgraduate education and early career researchers, and led projects on public engagement with research across disciplines and organisations. Within the University she led a number of culture change projects, including widening access and sustainability and social responsibility. A major fundraising campaign for the University of Edinburgh was within her remit.

**Adam Bruce** practised as a solicitor before moving to the energy sector. He currently works with a global renewable energy developer based in Dublin. He was the first Chair of the UK and Scottish Governments’ Offshore Wind Programme Board and is a former Chair of Renewable UK. Adam was appointed Unicorn Pursuivant in 2008 by the Lord Lyon King of Arms and in 2012 was promoted to Marchmont Herald. He is also a Trustee of the St Andrews Fund for Scots Heraldry. Adam sits on a number of advisory bodies, including the Steering Board of RE100, of IRENA's Coalition for Action, and the Development Board of Oxford University’s Maths, Physics and Life Sciences Division.

**Janet Stevenson** is a Chartered Accountant who for twelve years, until December 2016, specialised in the audit of charities. Her interest in systems and controls and governance of charities developed as a result of a part-time secondment to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator when it was established. Jandy has served on the governance body of a number of organisations and she is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland.

**REAPPOINTMENTS**

The reappointments will be for four years and will run from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2025.

The reappointments are regulated by the **Ethical Standards Commissioner.**

**REMUNERATION**

The reappointments are part-time for a time commitment of 12 days per annum. Appointments to the National Museums Scotland Board are not remunerated.

**OTHER MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS**

Ann Allen is Chair of Architecture and Design Scotland, for which she receives remuneration of £200 per day for a time commitment of 4 days per month. She is a Board Member of the Scottish Futures Trust, for which she receives £325 per day for a time commitment of 2 days per month, and is also a Board Member of the Water Industry Commission for Scotland, for which she receives £265 per day for a time commitment of 1 day per week.

Professor Mary Bownes, Adam Bruce and Janet Stevenson do not hold any other public appointments.

**POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

All appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the selection process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees’ political activity within the last five years (if there is any to be declared) to be made public.

Ann Allen, Professor Mary Bownes, Adam Bruce and Janet Stevenson have had no political activity in the last five years.

**THE ORGANISATION**

National Museums Scotland (NMS) is one of the leading museums groups in Europe. It cares for a multi-disciplinary collection of over 12 million objects, bringing together the arts and sciences, and the cultures of Scotland and the world, alongside the diversity of the natural world. The organisation has approximately 460 staff across five sites and receives around £22 million of Scottish Government funding annually. NMS is also a Scottish Charity (no. SC 011130).

NMS’ key priorities reflect its statutory duties to care for the items it holds, and to make them accessible through providing education, encouraging research, and promoting public awareness. Its four museums (the **National Museum of Scotland** on Chambers Street in Edinburgh, the **National War Museum** in Edinburgh Castle, the **National** **Museum of Flight** in East Lothian and the **National Museum of Rural Life** near East Kilbride) are enjoyed by local and international visitors and received over 3 million visits in 2019/20.

As a national centre of excellence, the organisation is committed to widening access to and participation with its collections, reaching out across Scotland, the UK and internationally. This includes an extensive programme of: touring exhibitions; loans; community-based partnership projects, often within disadvantaged areas; training and skills development, including developing young people; the provision of advice and support to the museum sector; administering the National Fund for Acquisitions; and operating the Treasure Trove scheme.

NMS operates within the context of the Scottish Government’s national outcomes and strategic objectives, including public service reform. As with all public bodies it also operates within a challenging financial climate, and must make the most of opportunities to continue to raise its profile and develop new collaborative partnerships working with other organisations here in Scotland and abroad. One of its key priorities - as set out in its [**Strategic Plan**](http://www.nms.ac.uk/about-us/our-organisation/strategic-plan/)- is its commitment to continue to grow and diversify its commercial and other income streams:

**Further information** is available at: <http://www.nms.ac.uk/>