

CONSULTATION TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITHOUT A COMPETITION: Elan Closs Stephens CBE

The Commissioner for Public Appointments has been consulted under paragraph 3.3 of the Governance Code by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport to make an appointment, exceptionally, without a competition.

The Governance Code requires the appointing authority to consult the Commissioner in good time before the appointment is made and to make the decision public alongside their reasons for doing so.

Appointing authority's reasons for making an appointment without competition

Elan Closs Stephens was appointed to the Board of S4C as the BBC Trust Member for Wales in 2012. Her term was due to expire on 31 October 2018. The BBC Trust ceased to exist on 2 April 2017, ending her term of office on that date. The Minister wishes for her to continue to sit on the Board until the date that her original appointment was due to finish.

Appointee

Elan Closs Stephens is Emeritus Professor of Communications and Creative Industries at Aberystwyth University's Department of Theatre Film and Television. She also acts as Director of Enterprise and Knowledge Transfer to enable research projects with industry partners. She has a background in providing strategic leadership and support to cultural and media organisations.

In 1998, Professor Stephens became the Chair of the S4C Authority, a Department for Culture Media and Sport appointment that was renewed for a 2nd term from 2002-2006. In 2006, she chaired the Stephens Report on the financing and structure of the arts in Wales for the Welsh Assembly Government. She was a governor of the British Film Institute until 2007 and Chair of Audit and Governance during the recent major refurbishment of the Southbank National Film Theatre. She has also chaired Chwarae Teg, a charitable body that promotes the economic development of women.

Currently, she chairs the Wales Advisory Committee of the British Council where she was a main Board Trustee until 2008. She is a board member of the Film Agency for Wales and a trustee/board member of Arts & Business UK.

In 2009, she was appointed by the Welsh Government Minister for Social Justice and Local Government to chair the Recovery Board for Anglesey County Council. In October 2010, she was appointed a member for Wales of the BBC Trust.

She received a CBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours 2001 for services to broadcasting and the Welsh Language.

Commissioner's response to the Consultation

The Commissioner for Public Appointments is content with the Minister's proposal to appoint Elan Closs Stephens CBE, exceptionally, without holding a fair and open competition for the reasons she has set out.

**On behalf of the Commissioner for Public Appointments
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