New trustee for Northern Ireland appointed

07/10/2016

Today we welcome Anna Carragher as HLF and NHMF trustee for Northern Ireland and Chair of HLF's Committee for Northern Ireland.

Ms Carragher has been appointed by the Prime Minister and will join our Board in October.

Anna joins our 15-strong Board which runs both HLF and NHMF. Its role is to steer the policy and direction of the two Funds and take decisions on grant applications.

Wealth of experience

Anna Carragher has 40 years of experience working in the public service in both executive and non-executive roles.

Brought up in Belfast, she attended Queen's University where she took an Honours Degree in English Literature and had the great privilege of being taught by Seamus Heaney. After graduating she joined the BBC and worked across radio and television producing a range of news and current affairs programmes, including *Today* and *Any Questions* on BBC Radio 4 and *Man Alive, Question Time* and *Newsnight* on BBC television.

Prestigious BBC career

Anna returned to Northern Ireland as Head of Programmes in 1995 and oversaw output throughout the peace negotiations and the establishment of the Northern Ireland Assembly. Among her commissions as Head of Programmes were *Give My Head Peace, PK Tonight, Hearts and Minds, The Stephen Nolan Show* and the Legacy series on Radio Ulster. She became Controller, BBC Northern Ireland, in 2001 with editorial and managerial responsibility for the Corporation in Northern Ireland.

Wide-ranging interests

After leaving the BBC in 2006 Anna became the Chair of the Grand Opera House Trust. She also served as a member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and a Commissioner for the Equality Commission of Northern Ireland. She is currently a member of the Board of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, the Electoral Commissioner for Northern Ireland and a trustee of the Wildfowl and Wetland Trust.



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