Call to action! Trustee for Scotland sought for Heritage Lottery Fund and National Heritage Memorial Fund

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Applications are sought from a wide range of people who have the skills and experience to meet the challenges** of this role.

The Trustee for Scotland is an important member of the UK-wide Board, representing NHMF/HLF in Scotland and representing the interests of Scotland in Board discussions. The successful appointee will actively engage with stakeholders in the heritage and cultural sectors in Scotland and with the Scottish Government. The Trustee for Scotland also chairs the Heritage Lottery Fund Committee for Scotland*** and is a deputy Chair of the UK Board, along with the Trustees for Wales and for Northern Ireland.

The successful candidate will have a broad appreciation of Scotland's heritage and a commitment to promoting public understanding and enjoyment of it to the widest possible audience, together with a strong record of leadership and achievement in Scotland, and skills in strategic and analytical thinking, influencing and communication.

Dr Brian Lang, HLF/NHMF Trustee for Scotland, who will be standing down from the Board next March, said: "Being an HLF Trustee and Committee Chair has been enormously fulfilling. The wide range of projects coming to HLF, the professionalism of the staff in the way they consider applications, assist applicants and prepare for meetings, as well as the mutual respect Trustees and Committee members show for one another, add up to a very satisfying experience.

"HLF has had, and is still having, enormous impact on the way we care for, share and cherish our heritage. HLF ensures the meaning of all of this is appreciated by ever more diverse groups of people. This is a thoroughly worthwhile organisation."

The Board makes decisions on NHMF funding and HLF grants over £1m. Trustees are invited to attend project openings and can be asked to engage with the media and speak on behalf of the organisation at public events.

An application form can be obtained from:
Michael Crook, Culture Division, Scottish Government, 2H North, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ or on 0131 244 0657 or Michael.Crook@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is: **5pm on Wednesday 5 January 2011**. Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held on **Tuesday 1 February 2011**.

If you have any questions about the role or the organisation whilst completing an application, please contact Melanie Peddle, HLF Secretariat on 020 7591 6015 or melaniep@hlf.org.uk.

Notes to editors

* The HLF/NHMF Chair and 14 Trustees are appointed by the Prime Minister. They receive advice from heritage experts and work within laws made by Parliament and directions given by Government. Their decisions about individual applications and matters of policy are made entirely independently.

** The HLF/NHMF Board sets the strategic and policy framework within which grants to benefit the heritage of the UK are awarded. The Board determines the Strategic Plan and annual Business Plan, which sets out the activities which enable the HLF/NHMF Funds to deliver their strategies. The Board makes decisions on all awards of over £1m and decides on allocations for the annual budget. In 2011, the Heritage Lottery Fund anticipates making awards totalling £250m while the NHMF anticipates a budget of £5m for new awards.

*** The Board delegates powers to regional and country committees which make decisions on awards of £50,000 – £1m. There are 12 committees – one for each English region, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. They are made up of local people recruited through open advertisement. Committees are supported by grant-assessment teams based in the relevant region or country.

Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage for present and future generations to take part in, learn from and enjoy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported 33,900 projects, allocating £4.4bn across the UK.

HLF is administered by the NHMF – the UK's 'fund of last resort' - set-up to save the most outstanding parts of our national heritage in memory of those who have given their lives for the UK. To date, the NHMF has safeguarded well over 1,000 iconic objects and places to the tune of nearly £300m. www.nhmf.org.uk

Further information

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