

Website

The Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister (OFMDFM) recently updated its website and now has a separate section on public appointments. The site, which includes a copy of the Guide to Public Appointments in Northern Ireland and Annual Reports going back to 1996, can be accessed at the address below. ○

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Governing Bodies of Further Education Colleges

Following a review of the further education sector, Northern Ireland's 16 Further Education Colleges are to be merged into six larger college management units.

The decision follows a major review and public consultation on the future of further education in Northern Ireland, which was instigated in 2001 by the Assembly Committee for Employment and Learning.

The six new management units will be tasked with devising development plans aimed at ensuring that the particular skills and training needs of their local areas are met. They will also work together to address the wider training needs of the whole of Northern Ireland.

Each of the new management units will be lead by a governing body consisting of a Chairperson and up to eight members appointed from persons appearing to the Department to be, or to have been, engaged or employed in business, industry or any profession. If you would be interested in this type of appointment see page 2 for the telephone number for the departmental contact. ●

Public Appointments Annual Report

The Central Appointments Unit is responsible for producing the Public Appointments Annual Report and we are aiming to publish the 2004/05 Report around the end of October.

The Annual Report is compiled using information provided by Northern Ireland's eleven Government departments and is issued in two volumes.

Volume 1 provides a detailed statistical analysis of the applications received and appointments made during the year. Volume 2 lists all those holding public appointments at 31 March 2005 and the public body on which they serve. The Report will be available on our website – www.ofmdfmi.gov.uk/public-appointments. ●

Welcome

Welcome to the second edition of 'All Aboard' the news-sheet of the Central Appointments Unit (CAU) in the Office of the First Minister and Deputy First Minister.

The purpose of the news-sheet is twofold, to provide information about public appointments and public bodies in Northern Ireland and publicise our six monthly public appointments vacancy list. ●

New Commissioner for Public Appointments

The Secretary of State, Peter Hain, has appointed Mrs Felicity Huston to be the new Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland with effect from 1 August 2005. Mrs Huston replaced Baroness Fritchie who was Commissioner from December 1999 until the 31 July 2005 when her term of office ended.



office and hope that my local knowledge will be of benefit over the next few years. I also believe that my experience as a Commissioner for the House of Lords Appointments

Commission, with responsibility for recommending non-party political peerages directly to the Prime Minister, will inform my work as Commissioner for Public Appointments here in Northern Ireland".

The post of Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland was established following the first report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life in 1995. The Commissioner is an independent, statutory office holder whose role is to regulate and monitor compliance with the Code of Practice on Ministerial Appointments to Public Bodies.

Following her appointment Mrs Huston said "I am delighted to be the first person born and bred in Northern Ireland to hold this

In addition to serving on the House of Lords Appointments Commission, Mrs Huston has also held a number of public appointments locally including a spell as Chairman of the Northern Ireland Consumer Committee for Electricity and prior to that Deputy Chairman of the General Consumer Council. Additional information on the Commissioner and her role is available at www.ocpani.gov.uk ●

Vacancies

Included in this edition of 'All Aboard' is a list of the public appointment vacancies that are expected to arise during the first half of 2006. Any vacancies that arise after we go to print will be added to our website.

If you are interested in any of the vacancies listed, please contact the designated official who can provide you with more information about the appointment and when it is due to be filled. ○



Survey

In the first edition of All Aboard, which was published in May, we asked you to participate in our customer satisfaction survey by completing a short questionnaire.

Almost 400 replies have been received and analysed. Some 89% of respondents considered the vacancy list a success and 76% indicated that the current six monthly circulation was about right.

Although the majority of those who replied (76%) felt that the vacancy list provided sufficient information for their needs, a number also suggested that it would be helpful if the list indicated which appointments were paid. As a result we have added a £ sign to the vacancy list to indicate which appointments are remunerated. ●

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Name of body	Position		Departmental contact
AGRI FOOD & BIOSCIENCES INSTITUTE	11 Members	£	Katrina Skuce (028) 9052 0993
ELECTORAL OFFICE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	1 Chief Electoral Officer	£	Fran Regan (020) 7210 6598
CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSIONERS FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	1 First Commissioner 3 Commissioners	£ £	Brian Porter (020) 7210 0891
DETI – COMPANIES REGISTRY	1 Regulator	£	Marlene McCloskey (028) 9052 9444
GENERAL CONSUMER COUNCIL FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	1 Deputy Chairperson	£	Marlene McCloskey (028) 9052 9444
GOVERNING BODIES OF FURTHER EDUCATION COLLEGES			Frances Hazell (028) 9025 7538
BELFAST INSTITUTE AND CASTLEREAGH COLLEGE	1 Chairperson 8 Members		
NORTH WEST INSTITUTE AND LIMAVADY COLLEGE	1 Chairperson 8 Members		
CAUSEWAY INSTITUTE, NORTH EAST INSTITUTE AND EAST ANTRIM INSTITUTE	1 Chairperson 8 Members		
ARMAGH COLLEGE, NEWRY AND KILKEEL INSTITUTE AND UPPER BANN INSTITUTE	1 Chairperson 8 Members		
EAST TYRONE COLLEGE, FERMANAGH COLLEGE AND OMAGH COLLEGE	1 Chairperson 8 Members		
EAST DOWN INSTITUTE, LISBURN INSTITUTE AND NORTH DOWN AND ARDS INSTITUTE	1 Chairperson 8 Members		
GRANT MAINTAINED INTEGRATED AND CONTROLLED INTEGRATED SCHOOLS			Leisa Evans (028) 9127 9421
ARMAGH INTEGRATED COLLEGE	3 Governors		
BRIDGE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	1 Governor		
CEDAR INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	2 Governors		
CORRAN INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	1 Governor		
CRANMORE INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	1 Governor		
DRUMLINS INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	4 Governors		
DRUMRAGH INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	3 Governors		
ERNE INTEGRATED COLLEGE	2 Governors		
MALONE COLLEGE	1 Governor		
NORTH COAST INTEGRATED COLLEGE	2 Governors		
OAKWOOD INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	1 Governor		
PHOENIX INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	2 Governors		
PORTADOWN INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	1 Governor		
ROE VALLEY INTEGRATED PRIMARY SCHOOL	2 Governors		
STRANGFORD INTEGRATED COLLEGE	2 Governors		
ULIDA INTEGRATED COLLEGE	2 Governors		

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HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	4 Members	£	Marlene McCloskey (028) 9052 9444
HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND – NORTHERN IRELAND TRUSTEE	1 Member	£	Jackie Hogg (028) 9025 8965
INDEPENDENT MONITORING BOARDS – HYDEBANK WOOD, MAGHABERRY AND MAGILLIGAN PRISONS AND VISITING COMMITTEE HYDEBANK WOOD	12 Members		Geraldine Lennon (028) 9044 3986
INDUSTRIAL COURT (NORTHERN IRELAND)	7 Members	£	Brian Patterson (028) 9025 7545
INVEST NORTHERN IRELAND	8 Members	£	Marlene McCloskey (028) 9052 9444
LIVESTOCK AND MEAT COMMISSION FOR NORTHERN IRELAND	1 Member	£	Trevor Hanna (028) 9052 4616
NATIONAL MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES OF NORTHERN IRELAND	1 Member		Jackie Hogg (028) 9025 8965
NORTHERN IRELAND AUTHORITY FOR ENERGY REGULATION	1 Chairperson	£	Marlene McCloskey (028) 9052 9444
NORTHERN IRELAND COUNCIL FOR THE CURRICULUM, EXAMINATIONS AND ASSESSMENT	7 Members		Lisa Boal (028) 9127 9728
NORTHERN IRELAND PUBLIC SECTOR ENTERPRISES LTD (TRADES AS NI-CO)	2 Members	£	Marlene McCloskey (028) 9052 9444
STRANMILLIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE – GOVERNING BODY	9 Members		Mark Hudson (028) 9025 7751
ULSTER SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT LTD	4 Non Executive Directors	£	John Campbell (028) 9025 2261
WATER SERVICE BOARD	1 Chairperson 4 Directors	£ £	Joe Devlin (028) 9054 2981

£ = Paid appointments