

## Welcome

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

Its purpose 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 First Minister, the Rt Hon Peter Robinson MLA, and deputy First Minister, Martin McGuinness MP MLA, have appointed Mr John Keanie to be the new Commissioner for Public Appointments for Northern Ireland with effect from 1 August 2011. Mr Keanie replaces Mrs Felicity Huston who was Commissioner from 1 August 2005 until the 31 July 2011 when her term of office ended.

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, monitor and report on a wide range of Ministerial appointments to public bodies.

Following his appointment Mr Keanie said *"I am pleased to take up my appointment as Commissioner for Public Appointments. I am deeply committed to the principles of appointment on merit, fairness of process and diversity and I will work tirelessly to be an effective guardian of those principles on behalf of all those who work in, or aspire to work in, the public appointments arena. My vision, which will drive my work over the next five years, is to develop and maintain a regulatory system for public appointments that leads to the*



*appointment of the best people, from the widest possible field of candidates. As I begin my term of office, I look forward eagerly to connecting with the many of you who share these aims and working with you to make our public appointments system the best there is".*

Mr Keanie is a self employed business consultant and Chair of A2B, a not for profit company dealing with access to benefits for older people. He was previously Town Clerk and Chief Executive of Derry City Council and has held a number of public appointments in the past. Additional information on the Commissioner and his role is available at [www.publicappointmentsni.org](http://www.publicappointmentsni.org)

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\* Must be currently registered on the Nursing and Midwifery Council (NMC) Register

**Key:** IC = Integrated College    IPS = Integrated Primary School    £ = Paid Appointments

# The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission

The Northern Ireland Judicial Appointments Commission is a non-departmental public body, which was established in 2005 to enhance an independent process for the appointment of judicial office holders (up to and including High Court Judge) to courts and tribunals.

The Commission selects and appoints, and recommends for appointment, applicants, thereby removing this function from Government Ministers and the political process. The Commission comprises a Chairman (the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland) and twelve other members, five of whom are lay members. Vacancies for lay members will arise in 2012.

Further information on the work of the Commission can be found online at: [www.nijac.gov.uk](http://www.nijac.gov.uk)

## Vacancies

Included in this edition of 'All Aboard' is a list of public appointment vacancies that are expected to arise during the first half of 2012. 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. ●

## Mailing List

The 'All Aboard' mailing list continues to grow, but new members are always welcome.

If you know anyone who might be interested in receiving a copy of 'All Aboard' please ask them to contact us at the address below, and we will add their names to the list. ●

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