

February 2010

New Board Member at UK Sport

Gerry Sutcliffe has appointed Professor Laura McAllister as a board member of UK Sport, representing elite sport in Wales. She succeeds Philip Carling, and her term of appointment runs from 1 February 2010 for the three years to 31 January 2013.

Professor Laura McAllister

Professor McAllister is Professor of Governance at the University of Liverpool's School of Management. She is currently academic sponsor for sport at the University of Liverpool, and chairs the Sport Liverpool Strategy Group. Her principal academic interests centre on public administration and politics, specifically: devolution, Welsh politics and elections, multi-level governance, gender and politics, and sport and public policy. She is visiting Professor at Cardiff University, the Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Australia and the China National School of Administration, Beijing. Laura has also worked as a political analyst for BBC Wales and commentates on Welsh and British elections. Laura is a former Wales football international and national team captain with 24 caps. She was an independent Board Member of UK Sport from 2002-2005. She has been a member of the Sports Council for Wales since April 2006, was appointed Vice Chair of the Council in March 2007, and Chair from 1 February 2010. Laura is also a Director and Board Member of the Welsh Football Trust. She holds no other public appointments.

Background

Under the terms of the Royal Charter for UK Sport, board members representing the Home Country Sports Councils in Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland are nominated from among the board members of those bodies by Ministers in the respective Devolved Administrations, and are appointed by the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport. A representative for England is nominated and appointed by the Secretary of State. The Minister for Heritage in the Welsh Assembly Government, Alun Ffred Jones AM, has nominated Professor McAllister for appointment to UK Sport.

All public appointments are made on merit and political activity plays no part in the appointment process. However, in accordance with the original Nolan recommendations, there is a requirement for appointees' political activity (if any declared) to be made public. Professor McAllister has declared no political activity.

Board Members of UK Sport typically devote one to three days per month to the role, and are offered £218 per day in remuneration, plus reasonable expenses.

Press Enquiries: 020 7211 6269
Public Enquiries: 020 7211 6200

Out of hours telephone pager no: 07699 751153
Internet: <http://www.culture.gov.uk>