



Dame Frances Cairncross DBE FRSE

Dame Frances Cairncross is a British economist and respected journalist and brings to the Board a wealth of experience in fundraising from her former role as Rector of Exeter College, Oxford. Her co-opted appointment is for an initial four-year term from 1 April 2016.

Dame Frances Cairncross worked as an economic columnist at the Guardian and then as a senior editor at The Economist for 20 years. She has also written a number of books, including "*The Death of Distance: How the Communications Revolution is Changing our Lives*" and "*Costing the Earth: The Challenge for Governments, the Opportunities for Business*".

She chaired the executive committee of the Institute for Fiscal Studies and from October 2015-April 2016 has acted as interim Director of the National Institute for Economic and Social Research

Formerly she was the Chair of the Economic and Social Research Council and President of what was the British Association for the Advancement of Science (now the British Science Association). She became Rector of Exeter College Oxford in 2004 before moving on in 2014 to chair the Court of Heriot-Watt University. .

In June 2015 Dame Frances was made a Dame of the British (DBE) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list for services to education and in recognition of a very successful career as a leading British economist, journalist and academic.

In 2018, Dame Frances was asked by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media and Sport to undertake a review of the sustainability of high-quality journalism in the UK. Dame Frances is Chair of the Court of Heriot-Watt University.

Dame Frances is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and an Honorary Fellow of St Anne's, St Peter's and Exeter colleges, Oxford.

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