

PRESS RELEASE

Royal Anniversary Trust welcomes new CEO Nichola Tasker

LONDON 7 November 2023 - The Royal Anniversary Trust is pleased to announce the appointment of a new CEO, Nichola Tasker.

Nichola Tasker was previously Territory Director: Stonehenge & West at English Heritage, and has managed the visitor experience, commercial and education offers of more than thirty heritage sites across the west of England.

Nichola has been a visiting lecturer at both University of York and University of the West of England and supported higher education research partnerships at Stonehenge and other sites during her tenure at English Heritage. Earlier in her career, while at Historic Royal Palaces, Nichola established a new Clore Learning Centre at Hampton Court Palace, and more recently steered proposals for new STEM learning facilities at Stonehenge.

Nichola Tasker said: "I am looking forward to meeting the teams who work in our fantastic higher and further education organisations and finding out what more the Royal Anniversary Trust can do to support their excellent and innovative work that really delivers positive social impact."

Sir Damon Buffini, Chair of the Royal Anniversary Trust said: "On behalf of the Trustees, I am delighted to welcome Nichola to the Royal Anniversary Trust. We look forward to working with her as we continue to shine a light on the best of the best in our universities and colleges through the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prizes and Royal Challenge research projects."

The Royal Anniversary Trust extends its thanks to former CEO Kristina Murrin CBE who takes on the role of CEO at another Royal charity: The Prince's Foundation.

Notes for Editors:

The Royal Anniversary Trust is a charity that celebrates and champions the outstanding work of universities and colleges across the United Kingdom. We are best known as custodians of the prestigious Queen's Anniversary Prizes for

Higher and Further Education, part of the UK national honours system, recognising excellence, innovation and public benefit in work by universities and colleges across the United Kingdom.

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