



MEDIA RELEASE

## **Four new appointments complete Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Board**

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The latest meeting of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee board took place earlier today (21 January 2019) and four new members were welcomed by Chair of the Board, John Crabtree.

Non-Executive Directors, Ellie Simmonds OBE, Lyndsey Jackson and Nick Timothy have all been appointed to the board by Jeremy Wright, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport. Derrick Anderson CBE has been confirmed as the West Midlands Combined Authority's nominee.

With these four new members joining the existing ten, who were all appointed in 2018, the board for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games is now complete and Chair, John Crabtree, who took up his role in July last year, said: ***"With the board now finalised I am looking forward to truly ramping up our reach and activity, making the most of the board's mix of experts from the worlds of sport, culture and business, as well as those who truly know and understand the city and the region. What unites us all is that we are passionate about this once-in-a-lifetime event and we're focused on working together to deliver the best possible Games."***

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games will be held from 27 July until 7 August 2022 and will feature competition in 17 sports over 11 days in venues across Birmingham, the West Midlands and beyond. The board, who will serve until June 2023, will be tasked with supporting and overseeing the strategic direction of the Organising Committee, to ensure that they deliver an outstanding Games for the athletes, spectators, host city residents, the country and the whole Commonwealth family.

Jeremy Wright, Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport said of his new appointments: ***"I'm very pleased to be able to appoint Ellie, Lyndsey and Nick to the Birmingham 2022 Organising Committee board. I know they'll bring fantastic experience from their respective backgrounds and make a great contribution in helping deliver a brilliant Games that showcases the best of Birmingham, the West Midlands and the UK to the world."***

Ellie, who is originally from Walsall in the West Midlands, is a five-time Paralympic and fourteen-time world champion, said: ***"It's a genuine privilege to have been asked to join the board for the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. Having been fortunate enough to have taken part in three Paralympic Games to date, and numerous other multi and single sport events, I intend to utilise all the experience and knowledge I've picked up over the course of the last decade and hopefully contribute to making Birmingham the best Commonwealth Games to date."***

***"Having been brought up in the West Midlands and having spent much of my life in Birmingham, it truly is an honour to be part of such an esteemed group of people and I fully intend to do everything in my power to make this a special, wholly inclusive and utterly memorable event for everyone not just in Birmingham but the whole of Great Britain."***

Lyndsey Jackson, who is from Birmingham originally but is now based in Edinburgh, where she's the Deputy Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society, said: ***"As a proud Brummie, I am delighted to be appointed to the Organising Committee for the 2022 Commonwealth Games and excited to discover the depth and breadth of the incredible opportunity the Games will offer to the city and its people, in 2022 and beyond."***

Newspaper columnist, Nick Timothy, who was also born in the host city, was pleased to have been appointed by the Secretary of State and said: ***"I'm delighted to be joining the Organising Committee board. I am sure that Birmingham will not only put on a show that impresses the world, but this will be a wonderful opportunity to leave a lasting legacy for the city and the communities around it."***

Derrick Anderson, who is currently a member of the University of Birmingham Council and previously Chief Executive of City of Wolverhampton Council, will represent the West Midlands Combined Authority, one of the key partners for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. He brings extensive experience of delivering large scale capital programmes and projects in local authorities and beyond.

WMCA nominee, Derrick Anderson, said: ***"It's a great honour to be asked to serve on the Games Organising Committee. The Commonwealth Games is one of the great spectacles in the world of sport and its successful delivery will do fantastic things for the West Midlands and the nation as a whole."***

The board, whose 14 members will serve until June 2023, represent the key partners for the Games; Birmingham City Council, the West Midlands Combined Authority, the UK Government, Commonwealth Games Federation and Commonwealth Games England.

Today's announcement follows last week's confirmation that Ian Reid has been appointed Chief Executive for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee. Other senior roles will be confirmed soon and more are set to be advertised in the coming weeks at [www.birmingham2022.com/jobs](http://www.birmingham2022.com/jobs)

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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **Ellie Simmonds**

Eleanor 'Ellie' Simmonds OBE is a five-time Paralympic Champion and she shot to fame in 2008 when she won her first Paralympic medal at the age of 13 at the Beijing Paralympic Games. Later that year she became the youngest winner of the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year. She was awarded an MBE at the age of 14.

Ellie has continued to dominate her sport, winning 14 World titles, ten European titles and breaking numerous world records along the way.

Since leaving full-time education, Ellie has worked with charities such as the Dwarf Sports Association, WaterAid and I AM WATER.

### **Lyndsey Jackson**

Lyndsey Jackson is a senior arts administrator and live event producer, and the Deputy Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society.

Lyndsey supports the Fringe Society to deliver on its vision, aims and objectives, through motivational leadership and clear strategic direction. She leads on business continuity, governance and strategic planning, digital innovation, ticketing and commercialisation, and the development of education outreach programmes that support the place of the festival in its host city.

Lyndsey has a background in producing new writing and site-specific theatre and working with young people to develop their creative potential through drama and film.

### **Nick Timothy**

Nick Timothy is a columnist for the Daily Telegraph and the Sun. He is a Visiting Fellow at Wadham College, Oxford, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in London. Previously he was Theresa May's joint chief of staff in Downing Street and her special adviser in the Home Office. He is also a former Director of the New Schools Network, a charity that helps people to set up free schools, and a former Deputy Director of the Conservative Research Department.

### **Derrick Anderson**

Derrick has more than twenty-five years' senior management experience in local government and more than thirty years' in the public sector.

He is currently a member of the University of Birmingham Council and holds non-executive directorships of UK Municipal Bond Agency Plc, Social Finance Ltd and Social Value Portal Ltd and is a trustee of the Wave Trust charity.

He was previously Chief Executive of City of Wolverhampton Council and Lambeth Council and was voted Public Leader of the Year in the Guardian Public Services Awards 2012. Derrick was awarded a CBE for services to local government in January 2003.

### **The full list of board members is as follows:**

1. John Crabtree OBE (Chairman)
2. Ian Ward (Leader of Birmingham City Council) - Birmingham City Council
3. Ian Metcalfe (Chair of Commonwealth Games England) - Commonwealth Games England
4. Simon Ball (Senior Independent Director, Commonwealth Games England) - Commonwealth Games England
5. Dame Louise Martin (President of Commonwealth Games Federation) - Commonwealth Games Federation
6. David Grevemberg CBE (CEO, Commonwealth Games Federation) - Commonwealth Games Federation
7. Helen Judge (Director General, DCMS) - Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
8. Dame Julie Moore (formerly CEO, University Hospitals Birmingham) - Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport
9. Jonathan Browning (Chairman of the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership) - Non-Executive Director
10. Zara Hyde Peters OBE (Director of Integration and Transformation at North Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group and former Commonwealth Games triathlete) - Non-Executive Director
11. Ellie Simmonds OBE (Paralympic Swimmer) - Non-Executive Director
12. Lyndsey Jackson (Deputy Chief Executive of the Edinburgh Festival Fringe Society) - Non-Executive Director
13. Nick Timothy – (Newspaper columnist and visiting Fellow at Wadham College, Oxford) - Non-Executive Director

14. Derrick Anderson – (Member of the University of Birmingham Council) - The West Midlands Combined Authority's nominee