

PRESS RELEASE

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Institute of Business Ethics welcomes Sir Brendan Barber and Douglas Flint to its Advisory Council

The Institute of Business Ethics is honoured to announce that Sir Brendan Barber and Douglas Flint have agreed to join its Advisory Council.

The IBE's Advisory Council represents the wider audience which the IBE wishes to address. They meet bi-annually to offer support and guidance to the Institute on its work programme and strategy.

Tim Melville-Ross, IBE's President, said: *"In today's 'post trust' world, high standards of business behaviour have never been more important.*

The Advisory Council maintains the valuable role of the IBE's founders in supporting the IBE's thought leadership and programme of raising public awareness of business ethics. The considerable experience of Sir Brendan and Douglas will make a valuable contribution to our discussions."

Sir Brendan Barber said: *"If we are to build an economy that genuinely works for everyone it is crucial that businesses commit to the highest possible ethical standards not least in their approach to employment. The IBE makes an important contribution in calling attention to this challenge."*

Douglas Flint said: *"I am delighted to be able to contribute to the work of the IBE. It has a unique position within the UK, combining proactive thought leadership on both contemporary and emerging issues with practical guidance and tools which facilitate both understanding and implementation of best practice."*

More information about the IBE Advisory Council, its Trustees and governance can be found on our website <http://www.ibe.org.uk/>

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About the Institute of Business Ethics (IBE)

The Institute of Business Ethics, whose purpose is to promote high standards of business behaviour based on ethical values, is an important partner to any business wanting to preserve its long-term reputation by doing business in the right way.

For over 30 years, the IBE has advised organisations on how to strengthen their ethical culture by sharing knowledge and good practice, resulting in relationships with employees and stakeholders that are based on trust.

The IBE is a registered charity funded by corporate and individual subscriptions.

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Sir Brendan Barber

Sir Brendan Barber has been Chairman of the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) since the beginning of 2014. Most of his career was spent in the Trades Union Congress (TUC) from 1975 to the end of 2012, serving as TUC General Secretary from 2003. During his time at the TUC he served on a number of public bodies including the Council of Acas, Sport England, the UK Commission on Employment and Skills, and the Court of Directors of the Bank of England from 2003-2012.



Since leaving the TUC, as well as acting as Acas Chairman, Brendan has become Deputy Chairman of the Banking Standards Board (established in 2015), and in 2017 joined the newly established Board of BT Openreach. He also serves on the Council of City, University of London, and the Board of Trustees of the Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts. Brendan was knighted in 2013 for services to employment relations.

Douglas Flint CBE

Douglas Flint is Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings plc.

He was appointed to the Board as Group Finance Director in 1995. In 2010, Douglas's responsibilities were broadened to that of Chief Financial Officer, Executive Director Risk and Regulation. He was appointed Group Chairman of HSBC Holdings plc on 3 December 2010.



Douglas was Chairman of the Financial Reporting Council's review of the Turnbull Guidance on Internal Control from 2004-2005 and served on the Accounting Standards Board and the Advisory Council of the International Accounting Standards Board from 2001-2004. He also served as a non-executive director of BP plc from 1 January 2005 until 14 April 2011 and was Chairman of its Audit Committee in his final year.

In June 2006, he was honoured with a CBE in recognition of his services to the finance industry. He has been, by invitation from the Prime Minister, a British Business Ambassador since January 2014.

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